



February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Music Director: Terryl Dietert

Guitar/ Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Randene Wick

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Montoya-Werlein

*We welcome Rev. Montoya-Werlein as our guest minister this morning
and thank him for sharing an inspiring word with us.*

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision - Held

Call to Worship

One: Hear the call of God, spoken from the mountains and whispered into our lives.

Many: We come ready to listen and to worship

One: God asks us not for perfect gifts, but for faithful hearts.

Many: Teach us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: Jesus calls blessed the humble, the merciful, and the peacemakers.

Many: Shape us into people of compassion and hope.

*Opening Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

Hymn #630

*Opening Prayer

Almighty and gracious God, you have shown us what is good and taught us the way of blessedness through your Son Jesus Christ: grant us hearts that do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, that, seeking righteousness, showing mercy, and making peace, we may live as your children in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Response

Glory to God

Hymn #240

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Message for The Young and The Young at Heart

First Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8 (NRSVUE)

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gift of Music

Blest Are They - Haas

Sanctuary Singers

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVUE)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

"Embody Beatitude Living "

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Montoya-Werlein

*Hymn

When the Poor Ones

Hymn #624

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and, whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust that love. And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others: to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the Spirit of Love; and in the company of all the faithful – past, present, and yet to come – so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(see Weekly Newsletter for details)

For those who grieve: *The family of Cynthia Jane (Julie O's sister)*

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns:

Joan G, Jan (Darlene's mom), John H's nephew Matt, Nancy S, Joan A's grandson Blair

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

As we prepare our offerings today, we do not give them to earn God's favor, but as a response to God's grace already given. Through these gifts, may justice be practiced, kindness be shared, and peace be made known.

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Offertory

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me - Spiritual

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

*Holy Communion

One: God is with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

Many: We open them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

Many: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: Gracious One . . . In grateful joy we join all Creation in praise.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

You may be seated

Words of Remembrance

One: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking and Pouring Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious and faithful God, we thank you for meeting us at this table, for feeding us with spiritual food. Blessed by Christ's presence, fill us now with hunger and thirst for righteousness, make us merciful in our living, pure in heart in our intentions, and peacemakers in a world in need of hope. Send us from this table ready to live the blessings we have received for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Hymn #457

*Benediction

*Benediction Song

Now it's Time to Say Goodbye

**Now it's time to say goodbye
To go on out from here
To live the visions and the dreams
To scatter hate and fear
So may the Peace be with you now
A peace that's filled with Grace**

**May it surround all your struggles
And everything you face.
And may you find your own way
To sing out love's own song
With courage, tears and laughter
And then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye
May peace be with you now**

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians - Held

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour

BVCC Donations

Wednesday, Jan 28

Choir, 7pm

Counters: Janet Dietert, Mark Pfeifer

Greeters: Andy Oren, Madeline Norton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Movie & Bag Lunch | Wednesday, Feb 11 at noon | in the Christ Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch. **Movie:** *The Way* (2010) is about an American doctor, Tom Avery (Martin Sheen), who travels to France to retrieve the body of his estranged son, Daniel (Emilio Estevez), who died while walking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain; grieving and seeking understanding, Tom decides to complete the journey himself, carrying his son's ashes and meeting other pilgrims, leading to profound personal transformation and connection.

This movie will serve as a basis for noon Lenten services beginning the following week on Ash Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Membership Committee

Mardi Gras Celebration | Sunday, Feb 15 during Coffee Hour | Come one! Come all! Celebrate Mardi Gras before Ash Wednesday! There is a special prize for the person who finds the baby in the "King Cake!" Wear any Mardi Gras decor you may have. Take a selfie in the photo area. Come join the fun!

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

Ash Wednesday | Feb 18 at Noon at Christ Church & 7pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran with a potluck starting at 5:45pm

Noon Lenten Services will be held on **Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25**. If you wish, bring a bag lunch, and we'll eat together at 11:30am.

Divine Intervention Meal | Thursday, Feb 26

Anyone who would like to send notes or cards to **Nancy Schlaack** can send them to the following address:

Nancy Schlaack
c/o Rebecca Rehorst
7314 Wilburton Lane
Northport, AL 35473

Prayer Requests | All prayer requests are welcomed. As always people can call the office and provide information for a specific request. Pastor Bob is always available for prayer requests in person, by email, or by phone. In addition, a prayer request card will now be available in the church pews (by the church envelopes). Place your prayer request cards in the offering plate. These prayers will be shared in the bulletin and newsletter, for the month they are received. At the end of the month, they will not automatically be reposted, so we ask that you please complete a NEW prayer request card. With any updates, your input is helpful to make sure we are addressing everyone's concerns and suggestions.

Membership Committee and Music & Worship Committee

Updating the Christ Church Directory | The Membership committee is in the process of updating the correct mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for all the members of our congregation. Please contact the office with any updates or on a Sunday morning contact *Jan Naefken or Randene Wick*.

Christ Church Paper Drive | The Divine Intervention warming room is in need of paper products, specifically paper towels and toilet paper. A collection box for donations is located outside the office near the Lenox Street entrance. We will be collecting these items throughout January and February.

Many Thanks from Divine Intervention | The beef stew and meatball stew were devoured by the 14 guests, plus volunteers, and staff on January 15th. The salad with a variety of toppings, fresh rolls, and yummy desserts were appreciated by everyone. We have discovered that providing rice as a side is appreciated by the guests. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the meal and/or helped serve the food. *"People who give you their food, give you their heart" ~Cesar Chavez*



Monthly Activity	December	YTD
Contributions	\$23,473	\$161,315
Other Income	\$7	\$42,904
Total Income	\$23,480	\$204,219
Expenses	\$12,593	\$216,578
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$178,400

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