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**Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.  
All are welcome (all means all)!**

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# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Come, people of God,

**People: We come seeking shelter and hope.**

Leader: When the world feels uncertain and the road ahead unclear,

**People: God meets us on the way and walks beside us.**

Leader: When fear and power threaten life,

**People: God protects the vulnerable and calls us toward courage.**

Leader: From exile to home, from danger to promise,

**People: God is faithful in every place.**

Leader: Come and worship the God who moves with us,

**All: We worship the God of life, love, and holy presence.**

♦ OPENING HYMN #521

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

♦ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**Holy and faithful God, We praise you for being near. Near to those who flee. Near to those who grieve. Near to those who must rise and move before they feel ready. You are the God who speaks in dreams and whispers in the night. The God who gives light enough for the next step. The God who guards life when it is most fragile. We adore you for your courage and compassion. You chose to enter a world marked by fear and injustice. You chose to dwell among the vulnerable. You chose love over power and mercy over force. You are worthy of praise in safe places and uncertain ones. You are worthy of trust when the path is clear and when it is hidden. You are worthy of our lives, our movement, and our hope. Receive our worship, O God. Shape us to be people who follow your light, protect your children, and honor your presence wherever we are led. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

♦ CHILDREN'S HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Jesus Loves Me”

*(ushers collect green prayer cards)*

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 550 OT)

Psalm 148

◆THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 2 NT)

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

“GOD ON THE MOVE”

SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

◆CLOSING HYMN #77

“How Great Thou Art”

◆THE BENEDICTION

◆PASSING OF THE PEACE

◆Stand, if you are able

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*Usher:* Renee Poet

*Visual Arts Creator:* Fabio Diones

*Ambassador:* Jim Jackson

*Visual Arts Engineer:* Mark Gilleylen

*Fellowship:* Something New

*Livestream Tech:* Sergio Deganis

*Member Outreach:* Elizabeth Thomas

*Counters:* Michele Bloom, Dave Wendt

*Nursery:* Barb Heafy

*Prayer Cards:* Jean Roeder

*Sunday School:* Sue Trumbo, Kaitlin Heuser

*Lector:* Renee Poet

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## Announcements.

We have a new **YouTube channel** and encourage you to check it out. Links will be available on our church's website to access both our worship services in real-time as well as archived services beginning this past July.

Embrace the **New Year** with an open heart and steadfast faith. May God's blessings surround you each and every day of 2026.

We are collecting new & gently used **winter clothing items & blankets** for men, women, & children:

Blankets, throws, comforters, quilts

Coats, gloves/mittens, scarves, hats

Winter clothes: long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, heavy-weight pants, long johns, warm socks, boots

# *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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## *Welcome!*

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling congregation. We embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing and wholeness. Therefore, we welcome into our faith community persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, gender identity and expression, level of education and family structure. We believe we can all love alike, even if we don't think alike. We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

## *Who We Are . . .*

We are a church family that welcomes everyone through our doors no matter the political affiliation, no matter which forms of Christian thought you hold, no matter what - you are welcome here because we are all members of the family of God.

Like other families, we may not always agree on everything, but we are called to love one another enough to forgive one another, respect our differences, and work and minister together as we spread and live out the Gospel message of God's love offered to this world in the form of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

To this end, we aspire to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).