

*This coming week in the life of the church*

**Today 1/18**

9am Worship  
10:15am Sunday School

**Monday 1/19**

5:30pm Missions Meeting  
6pm Cub Scouts  
6:30pm Ambassador's Meeting

**Tuesday 1/20**

10:30am Brightpoint Early Learning Meeting  
6pm Disciple 1  
7pm Boy Scouts  
7pm Cub Scouts

**Wednesday 1/21**

9am Psalm Sisters  
10:30am Ladies fitness class  
11:45am Brightpoint Early Learning Meeting  
5:30pm Disciple 3  
6pm Disciples Forever

**Thursday 1/22**

2pm Book Club  
7pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting



**Belvidere First**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVIN' JESUS  LOVIN' YOU

**January 18, 2026**



**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~**

*All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.*

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## Order of Worship for January 18, 2025

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

**\*Opening Songs of Praise:** "Hear All Creation"  
"As We Gather"

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 103 UMH #824  
Liturgist: Katie Belinson

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul! And all that is within me,  
bless God's holy name!

**Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's  
benefits,**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your  
diseases,

**Many: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you  
with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with  
good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.**

One: The Lord, who works vindication and justice for all who  
are oppressed, has made known God's ways to Moses,  
God's acts to the people of Israel.

**Many: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.**

One: the Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger for ever.

**Many: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

One: for as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is  
the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;

**Many: as far as the east is from the west, so far does the Lord  
remove our transgressions from us.**

One: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the  
Lord shows compassion to the faithful.

**Many: For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers that we  
are dust.**

One: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like

a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is  
gone, and its place knows it no more.

**Many: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting upon the faithful, and the righteousness of  
the Lord to children's children, to those who keep his  
covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

**\*Scriptures:** John 14: 1-3  
Hebrews 4: 14-16

**Discipleship Time**

**Prayer Song:** "Amazing Grace" UMH #378 vs 1,2,6

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

**Message:** Pastor Jim

**\*Doxology** (UMH #95)

**\*Prayer of dedication**

Lord God, you reign over all that you have created. How can  
your love be as great as your majesty? How can you bother to  
consider each one of us and each church of your people among all  
that you have created? Your love is amazing and we have known  
your goodness.

Bless our gifts as signs of our love for you, and use them to  
show your love to the world around us, so that you may receive  
glory and so that more of our neighbors may come to know your  
love in this place, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Closing Song of Praise:** "Blessed Be Your Name"

**\*Benediction**

**\* = Stand as able**

**\*\*Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available  
from any usher\*\***

*Altar flowers given by Carol Rowe in loving memory of Jerry Rowe*

The promise still \_\_\_\_\_

We haven't yet \_\_\_\_\_

the Point: \_\_\_\_\_

God knows. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Challenges and temptations would make us \_\_\_\_\_

Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_

What might harden your heart? \_\_\_\_\_

In every generation, churches & Christians \_\_\_\_\_

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We all think we're right \_\_\_\_\_

When we think we're wrong, \_\_\_\_\_

The problem with being right all the time: \_\_\_\_\_

Protestants know the Church is made up of \_\_\_\_\_

And church life and Christian life involves \_\_\_\_\_

Our confidence rests in \_\_\_\_\_

He has promised that He would \_\_\_\_\_

So I've got \_\_\_\_\_

### **John 14:1-3**

**14** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

### **Hebrews 4:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.