

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Jesus was
baptized
by John
in the
Jordan.

**The First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 11, 2026
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Prelude

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn 448, vss. 1, 2, 3 & 6

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

Presider Arise, shine, for your light has come!
People And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider and People offer a Simple Creed

**We believe in God the Creator,
We believe in the Jesus Christ, God's Son;
We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
We believe in God, the Three in One**

**We believe in Mary, Jesus's mother,
We believe in Jesus's holy birth;
We believe the message of the angels,
We believe that God came down to earth.**

**We believe his death and resurrection,
We believe he lived and died for us;
We believe he rose again in triumph,
We believe he lives eternally.**

**We believe he sent his Holy Spirit,
We believe he came in power and love;
We believe he'll come again in glory,
We believe he reigns above.**

Sung at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Song of Praise

Glory to God

by Clifton J. Noble

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2.Lord, God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y
God and Fath-er, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3.Lord, Je-sus Christ
— on - ly son of the Fath-er Lord God, lamb of God, 4.You take a-way the sin — of the world. Have mer - cy —
on us. 5.You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath - er, re - ceive — our — prayer —
6.For you a - lone are the ho - ly one; You a - lone are the Lord; You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus
molto rit.
Christ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - - men. —

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader This is the first of the “servant songs” that form a portion of the Book of Isaiah, written at the time when the exile in Babylon was ending and the city of Jerusalem had begun to be restored.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Psalm 29

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| 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. | 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. |
| 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. | 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare. |
| 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. | 9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, “Glory!” |
| 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. | 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever/more. |
| 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; | 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. |
| 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. | |

The Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader In this reading, we learn how Peter recognizes that the good news, which Jesus began to proclaim after his baptism, now extends to all people.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 a.m.

Gospel Hymn 529

In Christ There Is No East or West

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;
People: **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;
People: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;
People: **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
People: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;
People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

Leader: We pray especially in memory of former President Jimmy Carter, for whom altar memorials have been given; we also pray for Irakli G. Kallfa and Georgiana T. Kallfa, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom. Everyone is invited to add their own prayers, silently or aloud, at this time.

People: **Loving God, we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor,” which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or scan the QR code located in the pew.

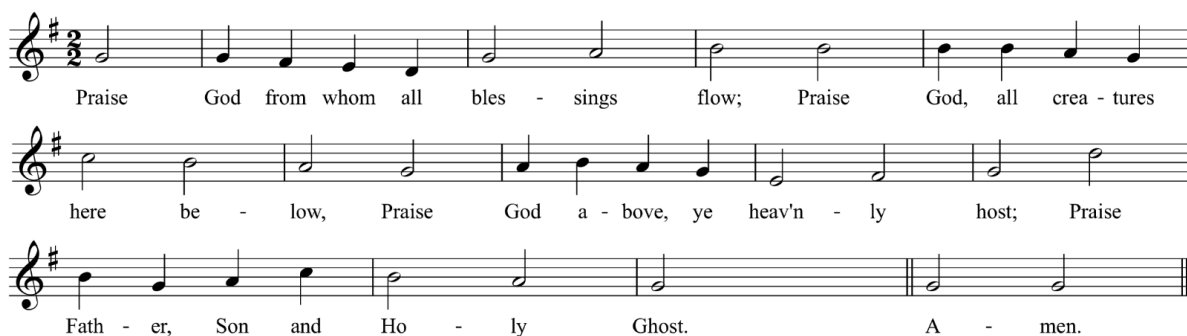
Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Presentation Hymn 370, vss. 1, 2, 6 & 7

I Bind Unto Myself Today

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, 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 the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

by Clifton J. Noble

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high - est. _____

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the call of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. "

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

The Presider the People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

by Clifton J. Noble

Je - sus, lamb of God,___ You take a-way the sins of the world

Have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, lamb of God,___ You take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, lamb of God,___ You

take a-way the sins of the world, Grant___ us your peace.____

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. You may intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. A separate cup is available to those receiving communion with gluten-free bread. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider may bless the people, who respond
Amen.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am
Concluding Hymn 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language; Enriching Our Worship; The Book of Occasional Services; Liturgy for the Whole Church, by Susan K. Bock, and Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare; Hear Our Prayer by Jon White and Lisa Graves (all by Church Publishing). Today's Greeting and Call to Worship are from the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023. The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and Wonder, Love, and Praise (all by Church Publishing) and Songs & Prayers from Taizé, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294.

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| Linens | Lisa Reinhausen |
| Flower Guild | Kara Noble |
| Sunday School | Judy Harvester, Jean Brown |
| Nursery | Tammy Joseph, coordinator |
| Counters | Lesley Frazar, Karen Newman |
| Office Angels | Karen Newman, Donna Tatlock |
| Closer | Holly Rodriguez |

| | 8:00 am | 10:00 am |
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| Altar Guild | Linda Zielinski | Tanya Kellogg |
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| Eucharistic Minister(s) | Josh Vélez | Phil Siska |
| Lector(s) | Sandra Chamberlain | Gabe Burke, Rachel Burke, & Chase Hart |
| Usher(s) | Deborah Stuck & Linda Zielinski | Jody Brown |
| Stream Team | NA | Deb Curtis |

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for and in loving memory of everyone for whom Christmas flowers were given.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of for Irakli G. Kallfa and Georgiana T. Kallfa. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Diocesan Prayer for Grace Episcopal, Amherst; Building Bridges Veterans Initiative and The House of Bishops.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday January 11

The First Sunday After Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed

12:00 pm Games Afternoon with Pizza

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, January 12

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*

5:30 *Girl Scouts*

8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, January 13

12:00 pm *Tuesday Morning Club (SMGR)*

6:00 pm *Music Together (SMGR)*

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Great Hall)*

7:00 pm *Bridge Fellowship*

Wednesday, January 14

12:15 pm *Healing Service*

1:00 pm *Brown Bag Bible Study*

7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*

Thursday, January 15

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)*

7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, January 16

7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*

Saturday, January 17

9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*

10:00 am *Prayer Shawl Ministry (SMGR)*

4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, January 18

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed

11:30 am *LEM Training Session (SMGR)*

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

**Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)*

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

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The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

The Vestry

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ECOTA Happenings

January 11, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Tuesdays: Bridge Fellowship, 7pm | Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm

Offering Envelopes Are Now Available

If you requested offering envelopes with your 2026 pledge, they are now available on the table in the Narthex. Your box is labeled with your name and giving number. Your giving number ensures that we can keep accurate records of your donations over the course of the year. If you do not use your offering envelopes for a donation, please write your giving number in the memo space on your check. If you requested envelopes, but don't find them there, or if you would like offering envelopes but did not request them yet, please email Kara at program@atonementwestfield.org and she will get some for you.

Games Day with Pizza! ~ TODAY (Sunday, January 11) @ 12:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon playing your favorite board/family games—and maybe learning some new ones too! We'll get together for our games fest (and PIZZA!) after the 10:00 am worship service. Come have some fun with family and friends!

4-Week Bible Study ~ Revelation: Hope in Uncertain Times

Wednesdays, January 14, 21, 28, & February 4 @ 1:00 pm (following the 12:15 Healing Eucharist)

What *is* the Book of Revelation, really? A code to crack? A vision of doom? Or a word of hope written to faithful communities living under pressure? Join Rev. Sandi for a 4-week, 30-minute Bible study exploring Revelation through historical, political, and theological lenses. Together we'll look at the world John of Patmos knew, how Revelation has been portrayed in popular culture, and what meaning (if any!) this mysterious book holds for us today.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group ~ Saturday, January 17 @ 10:00 am

Love is woven in every stitch when our Knitting Group gathers to knit and crochet prayer shawls to donate to Baystate Noble Hospital (as well as other items to help warm hearts and hands and heads). Don't know how to knit? That's OK! We have all the necessary supplies, and our supportive members are happy to teach you. Contact Donna Tatlock Calkins for more information.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Session ~ Sunday, January 18 @ 11:30 am

Rev. Sandi will hold a 90-minute training session for anyone interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) after the 10:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, January 18. The session will cover both the theology and the practical elements of serving as a LEM. After completing this session, new LEMs will be paired with experienced ones to do mentored practice under Rev. Sandi's guidance.

Women's Luncheon ~ Tuesday, January 20 @ 12:00 pm

Our first Women's Lunch of 2026 will be on Tuesday, January 20 @ noon. Come kick off your new year chatting with friends about memorable celebrations, resolutions, and tips for starting the New Year right. Bring your own brown bag lunch and we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex if you can join us.

Laundry Love Needs Help on January 28

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. Laundry Love could use non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks, bottles of water, detergent pods, and dryer sheets. They are looking for volunteers for their session on January 28 (a shift is from 4:10-6:45 pm). Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or talk to Holly Rodriguez for more information.

ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, January 28 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our first **ECOTA Coffeehouse** on Wednesday, January 28 starting at 10:30am. We'll set up the St. Margaret's Guild Room and the Narthex with comfy places to sit, sip, socialize, and listen to music provided by Jerry and Kara Noble. Can you help make it happen? We need volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up. We won't turn down donated baked goods.... If you can help, sign up in the Narthex or contact Kara. If you enjoy it, we can do it every month!

Westfield Food Pantry Lunches @ First Congregational Church

Mondays & Thursdays in January, February, & March ~ 12:15 – 12:45 pm

From January through March, the First Congregational Church, 18 Broad St., will host the Westfield Food Pantry's Monday & Thursday Lunches, beginning Monday, January 12. This is a huge job, and they have asked ECOTA and other area churches if a couple of our parishioners would be willing to help each day to make sure no one goes hungry—and no one gets burned out! They could use 1-2 people each Monday & Thursday from 11:45am to 1:00pm. Lunch is served from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Westfield High School Community Closet Needs Clothing & Personal Hygiene Products

Students at the Westfield High School are seeking donations of gently used clothing, new underwear and socks, personal care items, and personal care/hygiene items for its Community Closet (financial donations are also welcome). If you can help, place your donations in the plastic tote just outside the sanctuary door!

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

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| MONDAY: | Closed |
| TUESDAY - FRIDAY: | 9:00am -1:00pm |
| SATURDAY: | Closed |
| SUNDAY: | During Worship Services |
