



SAINT MARY'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Founded 1762

Welcome!

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

January 18, 2026 | 10:30 am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

-arr. Jan Sanborn

*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

With bright eyes, let us search.

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

With engaged minds, let us ponder.

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

With solid devotion, let us follow.

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

With humble intention, let us act.

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

With strong voices, let us sing. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

*Hymn #2 (Chalice)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacrament, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates**
please rise in
body or spirit

Hearing Assist Devices

Headphones and receivers are available in the tech booth.

We Hear

Responsive Reading: Psalm 69:1-4,13-18

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

More in number than the hairs of my head

are those who hate me without cause;

many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely.

What I did not steal, must I now restore?

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God,

in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire;

let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

Do not let the flood sweep over me

or the deep swallow me up

or the Pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;

according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—

make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

New Testament

Romans 12:9-21

(pg. 162)

Gospel

John 14:15-27

(pg. 109)

***Gospel Response:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, amen.

Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Sam Chamelin

***Hymn #67 (Chalice)**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived

by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated

at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the

living and the dead. 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. Amen.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

Readers:

Sandy Matthias

In-Person Greeters:

Deborah Hahn

Jim Lloyd

Ronald Stonesifer

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Online Greeter:

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Welcoming New Staff Members

This morning we would like to welcome Megan Shealy, Office Manager, and Gabriel Longuinhos, Musician.

Let us pray. **Creator of all things, strengthen and sustain Megan and Gabriel, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that through their gifts and talents, we may follow Jesus Christ to a new creation; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Offertory Prayer

Holy God; giver of life, receive these gifts collected this morning as our worship. In turn, bless us that we may bless others; for this ministry is not ours but Yours. Let our love be genuine as we serve our neighbors in love, that evil might be overcome by good. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

We Are Sent

*Hymn #680 (Chalice)

O God of Every Nation

*Benediction

*Three-fold Amen

Announcements

*Postlude

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
-arr. Mark Hayes

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
9:15 am - Children's Sunday School
10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff

Rev. Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*
Jane Sharpe, *Choir Dir.*
Gabriel Longuinhos, *Organist*
Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Sec.*
Lisa Brown, *Treasurer*
Megan Shealy, *Office Mgr.*

Offering

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Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office 410-346-7977

Prayer Chain

Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 - 1
Wednesdays 9 - 1
Voicemail and email are monitored daily.
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