



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 18, 2026**

Prelude

**Psalm 50**

van Noordt

Greetings

*The assembly responds or joins in unison when our text is **bold**.*

Centering Words:

In faithfulness, God lifts us up, setting our feet on solid rock and making our steps secure. Put your trust in God's steadfast love.

Call to worship:

Gather in the grace and peace that God provides.

**We will sing of God's wondrous deeds.**

Wait patiently for God, who hears our cries.

**God's law is written in our hearts; we will delight in doing God's will.**

Receive God's saving help within your hearts; acknowledge God's gifts in all you do.

**God grants us spiritual gifts in abundance; we will use them for the congregation of God's people.**

\*Opening Hymn

***I Sing a Song of the Saints of God***

♫ UMH # 712

1.

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

2.

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and His love made them strong,  
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.**

3.

**They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
in church, by the sea, in the house next door,  
they are saints of God whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 712

Words: Lesbia Scott, 1929

Music: GRAND ISLE; John h. Hopkins, Jr., 1940

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Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of assurance

Special Music

First Methodist Brass

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 49:1-7**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

***I Called Your Name***

Roberts

\*Gospel Reading: **John 1:29-42**

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation

***Seek Ye First***

♫ UMH # 405

1.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;**

**And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

2.

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.**

**Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

**Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 405

Words: Karen Lafferty , 1972

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

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Message

***Tell the World***

Musical Response

First Methodist Brass

Invitation to the Offering

*Please submit your offering as you feel led by placing it in the plates on the altar railing, or text your gift to 833-756-0325, or on our website: [www.elyriafirstumc.org](http://www.elyriafirstumc.org).*

Offertory

First Methodist Brass

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

♫ UMH # 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 95

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: OLD 100TH; Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

\*Offertory Prayer:

**We give you thanks, Faithful God, for the grace poured out on us in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for spiritual and material gifts that equip us to live abundantly. May we through these offerings, share in your wondrous deeds and announce to the world your saving help. Amen.**

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn

***The Summons***

<sup>♫</sup>FWS# 2130

1.

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?**

2.

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

3.

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?**

4.

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?**

5.

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.**

The Faith We Sing Number 2130

Words: John Bell

Music: KELVINGROVE; Traditional Scottish

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Benediction

Postlude

***Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671)***

Bach

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

<sup>♫</sup>UMH ~ *United Methodist Hymnal* (hard cover hymnal)

<sup>♫</sup>FWS ~ *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

## Worship Participants

Preaching: Pastor Marcus Atha

Liturgist: Kim Foster

Media Specialists: Denise Smith and David Wilm

Musicians: Gabriel Ackerman, Jack Roberts and the Chancel Choir

Sound: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: Roger and Janice McFrederick, and Mike Zahnke

This service is broadcast live on the radio station WOBL 1320 AM and 107.7 FM. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by the Purdey family in loving memory of Linda Purdey who was a leader in our church and helped to create our Community Breakfast ministry, managing all aspects of the ministry for over 7 years. The Community Breakfast ministry began in 2017 by serving around 20 meals each Sunday to now serving around 150 meals each Sunday in 2026!

The altar flowers are sponsored by Darlene Lewis in loving memory of Bill & Bob Lewis' January 22<sup>nd</sup> earthly birthday.

The additional altar flowers are sponsored by the Purdey family in loving memory of Linda Purdey who passed on January 17, 2025.

***If you are interested in joining our church family, or if you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office at 440.322.6622.***



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# Third Street Review



January Mission focus:

**January 18, 2026**

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## ***Human Relations Day***

Human Relations Day, **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, is a denominational wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations outreach. Gifts received for the offering builds programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. You may give on-line via our website: [elyriafirstumc.org](http://elyriafirstumc.org) or submit a check to: **Elyria First United Methodist Church**, indicate *Human Relations* on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

## ***Fellowship Time***

Come, enjoy goodies and wonderful fellowship in the **Parlor** after worship next **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to bake or host this monthly time of fellowship in the future, please see Carol Stomieroski or call the church office.

## ***Giving Envelopes***

The 2026 giving envelopes are in. They are on the table by the Chapel. Take a box for your year of giving!

## ***Share Your Gifts/Talents***

**YOU have gifts and talents** to share. The Community Breakfast and our Free stores need you!

***Volunteering once a month can make a significant difference in the life of our ministries, the community, and YOU!***

Please contact the church office to cheerfully offer your gifts and talents to serve in these vital ministries in 2026!

## ***Community Breakfast***

Thank you to those who have joined a breakfast team! There are a few spots still available. ***Prayerfully consider joining a breakfast team in the new year***, then call Julie Joy in the church office (440.322.6622) to volunteer!

## ***Free Clothing Store***

***Thank you Volunteers!***

The clothing store is well organized and tidy thanks to some dedicated volunteers. The store will be open to the community on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am-12 pm**. Please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer for this wonderful ministry.

## ***312 Happy Hour***

Happy Hour is a twice per month event held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** at **noon** in **Fellowship Hall!**

Join us for a great meal, fun, and fellowship on

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Open Sponsorship Dates***

Altar Flower dates:

**Cost \$22**

**January 25, February 1, 15, and 22**

Radio dates:

**Cost \$300 (includes advertising!)**

**February 1, 8, 15, and 22**

Please call the church office at 440.322.6622 to reserve your special date!

## ***Free Hygiene Store***

We are grateful for your continued support of this much needed ministry. Being open to the community and filling in the gap for many families is a blessing!

Our needs for November include:

- **Baby Wash and Lotion**
- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Women's and Men's Body Wash, Deodorant, and Razors**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. The store will be open on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10 am-12 pm!**

## ***2025 Year-End Statements***

If you would like to receive your year-end statement electronically instead of in the mail, please indicate your desire on today's Connection Card! Please be sure to include your email address.

## ***New Church Plan***

God is purposely making us new this coming year. Our church has enabled us to serve our community and each other, while it has ministered to us for generations. We are fortunate to have been part of that history and heritage. Throughout this time, our church has evolved and grown as we have adapted to the changes of our community and our world. God has always been by our side and will continue to lead us with his light as we embark on a new chapter.

***Pray for our community and ask God  
to lead us to people who are thirsting  
for Christ's love and grace.***

### ***Scripture readings for the week:***

Sunday, January 18: **Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;  
John 1:29-42**

Monday, January 19: **Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40**

Tuesday, January 20: **Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4**

Wednesday, January 21: **Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17**

Thursday, January 22: **Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24**

Friday, January 23: **Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10**

Saturday, January 24: **Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32**

Sunday, January 25: **Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-23**