



Chester Bethel UMC

January 18, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Pam and Carmella
Greeter: Nancy Storer
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D. (H); Millie Burke (H); Enya Hoyer's family (L); Janet Canavan (H); The Donahoe family (L); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Brione (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); KFK (O); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R. (O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex



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Announcements

- We welcome today Bibita Jagnanan, Director of Phoenix Family Resources. She will speak today about her mission and connection with the CB Thrift Shop.
- February 8th is the football Super Bowl and it's what we call "Souper Bowl Sunday". Let's collect a lot of soup to give to the Claymont Com. Center's food pantry. As you enter the church, there are wagons for your gifts.
- Lenten Bible Study will begin on Feb 10(zoom) and Feb. 19 in person. If you would like the office to order you "The Final Days" please let Beth know.
- From January through June the missions committee has designated the following for your financial mission giving:
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - The Salvation Army
 - Food Bank of Delaware

Please continue with your generosity; we are helping many in need.

Dates To Remember

thru Feb 8 – ***Souper Bowl Sunday*** food drive
Feb. 11-6 PM Admin. Council meeting
Feb. 26 – Trustees Mtg. at 6 PM

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2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS – Phoenix Used Clothing

Babita Jagnanan, Owner and Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 40)

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

People: **Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**

Leader: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

All: **You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!**

*OPENING HYMN – "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, 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 for ever. Amen.¹

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8
NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(see bulletin insert)*
My Stenzel

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
UMH #474

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN – “This Little Light of Mine” UMH #585

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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²http://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf.