



Chester Bethel UMC

January 25, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: The Bell Choir
Greeter: Sylvia Illuzzi
Usher: Bill White
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

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); 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

- February 8th is the football Super Bowl. It's what we also call "**Souper Bowl Sunday**". Let's collect a lot of soup for the food pantry!
- **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" by Matt Rawle, please let Beth know soon.
- From January through June your financial mission giving will go to:
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - The Salvation Army
 - Food Bank of DelawarePlease continue with your generosity; we are helping many in need.
- If you don't always receive church emails, they may be going to your SPAM—add secretarychesterbethel@gmail.com to your contacts.

Dates To Remember

thru Feb 8 – **Souper Bowl Sunday** food drive
Feb. 10 – Zoom Bible Study at 6 pm
Feb. 11-6 PM Admin. Council meeting
Feb. 19th-In-Person Bible Study at 10 am
Feb. 26 – Trustees Mtg. at 6 PM

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3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS – postponed

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **My adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: **though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

All: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

*OPENING HYMN – "The Church's One Foundation"

vv. 1-4 UMH #545

OPENING PRAYER

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.¹

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

catholic Church,² the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Where Charity and Love Prevail”
vv. 1-4 UMH #549

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 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
UMH #557

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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²“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

³http://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf.