



come and see.

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**St. Mark's United Church of Christ**  
**St. James United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz  
Rev. Keith Weiland, Interim Pastor  
Randy Sohn, Organist     Lori Roelse, Reader

*Our Mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others.*

Meditative Music  
Bells Ring  
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**\*\*Bold text means to read in unison**

## **Responsive Call to Worship**

Come to hear God's call to service; come to meet the Christ who claims you.

**SPEAK, O GOD, FOR YOUR SERVANT HEARS. SHOW US THE WAY, FOR WE WOULD FOLLOW.**

Come, responding to God's summons. Come, rejoicing that God cares.

**WITH LONGING HEARTS, WE SEEK GOD'S LOVE; WITH JOYFUL LIPS WE SING GOD'S PRAISE.**

Come, for we are not our own. God's love, in Christ, has made us saints.

**GOD IS OUR HELP AND OUR SUPPORT; NOTHNG WE HAVE DONE CAN CUT OFF OUR CREATOR'S CARE.**

### **Hymn:**

(St. James #148) (St. Mark's #282)

*Behold the Lamb of God*

## **Affirming Our Faith Together: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again 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 One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, we have come to church today in order to come to you. Some of us are seeking peace. Some of us are seeking an answer to a confusing question in our lives. Others are simply lonely and desire to be with other people.

And yet, deeper than our desires, more pressing than that, we give ourselves; we come to be with you. We come to be with you because in your incarnation you have come to be with you. Help us to see you as you are, 'God With Us'. Change our desires, push us toward even deeper questions, give us answers that we could never come up with on our own. Grant us your presence we pray. *Amen.*

## **Words of Assurance**



**Hymn**

(St. James #199)

(St. Mark's #670)

*O Word of God Incarnate*

**Scripture Reading**

John 1:29-42 EVS

**Behold, the Lamb of God**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

**The Message:**

*Come and See*

Rev. Keith R. Weiland

*"Paul may have been stopped in his tracks on the road to Damascus, but it took three years of living in Christian community and learning its practices for him to be fully changed." Wm Willimon*

**People's Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you, to walk with you, and to work with you for the furtherance of your kingdom. Discipleship was your idea before it was ours. In love you reached out to us, you called us by name, and you invited us to be part of your move into the world.

Grant us the grace to live up to the faith that you put in us. Give us the gifts we need to do your work. Strengthen us to follow you faithfully no matter where you take us. Hear us as we lift our voices as one.

## 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:** ~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

## Offertory Music:

*Aria*

**Doxology:** (*Everyone stand as you are able.*)

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.

## Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

### Hymn:

(St. James #193) (St. Mark's #132)

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

## Benediction

## Postlude:

*Wonderful Words*

***COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!***

### St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am every Sunday.

### St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

Visit our Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>  
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmsstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmsstjoffice@gmail.com)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*January 18<sup>th</sup> - Hailey Hermann*

*19<sup>th</sup> - Amber Peterson*

*21<sup>st</sup> - Scott Henschel, Williem Langenhahn*

*23<sup>rd</sup> - Jason Bramstedt, Ray Brickner*

*24<sup>th</sup> - Henry Langenhahn, Jr.*

**NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

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**ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**QUILTERS MEET** - Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon at St. Mark's

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** - meets Wed., January 21<sup>ST</sup>, 6-7:30pm at St. Mark's. The confirmands will be attending a Confirmation Retreat at Ley Chapel on the Lakeland University campus beginning Friday at 5pm, ending on Saturday at 11am. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Weiland.

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**, the new consistory members will be installed at both churches during the worship service.

While Pastor Patrick is out on medical leave, Rev. Keith Weiland will be your contact person should pastoral care be needed.

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