

# January 18, 2026 (Year A: Epiphany, Week 2)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prelude Improvisation

Welcome

Introit "What A Wonderful Savior"

Call to Worship

One: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.  
Many: God has called each of us before we were even born.  
One: It was God who named us.  
Many: It is God who claims us.  
One: The light of God's love shines in us.  
All: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

\* Passing the Peace

\* Hymn To God Be the Glory (vv. 1, 3) #56

\* Gathering Prayer

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri #813

*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.*

Psalm: Psalm 40

Baptism Callum Jon Mikos

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

One: The Word of God for the people of God. | All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Your Life Is the Song God Writes" Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn of Response Love Lifted Me (vv. 1, 3) #508

Joys and Concerns

One: God, in your mercy...  
All: Hear our prayer.

Song Cares Chorus (seated) #627  
*I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.*

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

Affirmation

(Insert)

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

Testimony

James and Theresa Reeves

Offering

Invitation

Offertory "Shout to the North" M. Smith #815

Doxology  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Dedication

Announcements

Stewardship Moment

\* Closing Hymn The Solid Rock (vv. 1, 2) #526

\* Benediction

Postlude Toccata in C C. Seixas

*All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.*

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

Welcoming Deacons: Al Baron and Rebecca Lindsey

Reading Deacon: Jane DiMauro

Ushers: Evelyn Mills and Rebecca McClanahan

Flowers: Given by Lisa Urso in honor of church members

## Prayers

All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.

\*Please pray for:

**Stephanie**, friend of PJ Jepson and teacher at MHS

**Joan Turgeon**, Shannon Kulac's grandmother

**Linda Rec**

**Corrine Sternberg and family**

**Ken Nichols**

**Lina Vior and family**

**Nate Chapin**

**Mark**, friend of Susan James

**Craig**, friend of Pastor Daniel

**Ann**, friend of Corrine Sternberg

**Austin**, Cousin's son of Corrine Sternberg

**Cory**, friend of Third Church

**WELCOME:** Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace. We are also collecting cans of gravy for the Middletown Thanksgiving Project.**

**1/18** History of Christianity 8:30 am

Deacons Meeting 11:30 am

Pack 43 Meeting 2:00 pm

Troop 16 Meeting 4:00 pm

**1/21** Bible Study 10:00 am

Narcotics Anonymous 5:45 pm

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm

"The Revelations" Book Study 7:00 pm

**1/22** Ladies Aid Meeting 12:00 pm

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

**1/24** Bible Study 10:00 am

**Birthdays:** V. Vior 1/21, M. Chapin 1/24,

L. Brown 1/24

### Congregational Care

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Lori Albert.

*Prayer shawls can be like hugs from God from all the prayers that go with them as they are knitted, with a blessing added by the pastor when completed. If you would like a shawl or know anyone who would like one, please reach out to a deacon or Pastor Daniel. Recipients need not be a member of Third Church to receive this token of love.*

**Remember our shut-ins with prayer:** Lynda Andrew and Janet Manthay.

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*Building on 250 years as a vibrant community of Christian Fellowship and service in our modern New England neighborhood...*



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