

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

**Childcare:** All children are welcome in our service. Children's bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances and the worship activity center in back. Our nursery (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) is open at 10:30am for ages 0-4 years. After the anthem, children ages 3-6 may follow our Treehouse Tots teacher for Bible stories and activities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom.

**Communion:** All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction. Please accept a piece of bread and dip it into the cup before the communing of the elements. Prepackaged communion is available at each entrance for those who prefer to stay at their seats.

**Offering:** To contribute financially to the ministries of our congregation, place gifts in the offering boxes at any sanctuary entrance. To visit our website for online giving options, scan QR code.



**How to become a member:** We are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), welcoming all who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. To learn more about us and how to join with this congregation, speak to Pastor Nancy. Look for upcoming Guest Gatherings to learn more about who we are and how to be a part of FCC Morehead.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

February 8	10:45 AM	Worship service
February 10	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
February 11	6:00 PM	Bells rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
February 15	10:45 AM	Worship service
	after service	Souper Bowl lunch
February 17	5:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
February 18	5:00 PM	Ash Wednesday service
	6:00 PM	Bells rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal

## OUR PRAYERS

### World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

### For those who desire our prayers:

Riffa Abell, Roy Reynolds, Anne Buckner, AJ Gossen, Tina Rose Johnson, Darla Bailey, Wayne & Hedy Caldwell, Noel Earl, Cathy Thomas, John Gullett, Jim Gross, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Yvonne Baldwin, Jim Fred Cassity, Betty Hall

### For those celebrating birthdays:

Brent Rogers (2/12), Anthony Paschall (2/12)

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD

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**SOUPER BOWL LUNCH**  
Sunday, February 15  
following Worship service  
Congregation is asked to provide:  
✓sides ✓desserts

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**  
Drop in for pancakes and more.  
**FEBRUARY 17**  
5-7PM

February 18 | 5 PM  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Come as your are for prayer, reflection and the marking of ashes.

*the good news is...*  
all are invited

## WE ARE DISCIPLES

We are Disciples.....  
We prepare God's table for all,  
as it was prepared for us.  
We embrace the old,  
the heartsick, the outcast,  
the different.  
We believe Love wins....

Minister ..... Rev. Nancy Gowler  
Music Director ..... Genny Jenkins  
Keyboardist ..... Jiyeon McGillicuddy  
Interns .....Eli Campbell, Alura Schaum, Logan Smalley, Katie Webb  
Liturgist.....Bob Pryor  
Elder ..... Alana Scott  
Greeter.....Susan Whidden  
Communion Servers .....Jim Fred Cassity, Susan Whidden  
Audio/Visual Team ..... Emma Brown, Braeden Trent

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Blessed are the vulnerable,  
for they know the street map of God's grace;  
blessed are those who mingle their tears with those of God,  
for they will hold hands with the broken-hearted;  
blessed are the humble,  
for they open their arms to those tossed aside by us;  
blessed are those who walk side by side with the bullied,  
for they offer God's hope to those  
who have seen theirs crushed into the playground dirt;  
blessed are those whose hearts are empty of ego and fears,  
for they shall be filled with compassion for all;  
blessed are those who build bridges  
using the bricks the fearful would use to build walls,  
for they shall dance with their sisters and brothers;  
blessed are those who are accused  
of welcoming the outsiders,  
of standing with trans kids,  
of seeking justice for everyone,  
for they open their hearts freely;  
blessed are you when you simply live as God's beloved:  
always being just,  
always sharing kindness,  
always walking with God.  
--Thom M. Shuman

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

*For thousands of years, First Peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality.  
We are gathered on the Lower Triplet Creek watershed, part of the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.*

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*\* indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit*

## CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler  
Bell of Mindfulness Bob Pryor  
Prelude *The Lord Is My Light* FCC Choir  
Marty Haugen  
Call to Worship Bob Pryor

We are here to be light;  
**prisms for bringing out God's brilliant colors.**  
We are here to make God public;  
**bearers of light to the world.**  
We are here to shine brightly;  
**salt to bring out God's flavors in life.**  
Let us open ourselves to the Holy One.  
**We bring our hearts, our minds, our senses,**  
**all of who we are to worship God.**

Prayer of Awareness Bob Pryor

\*Gathering Hymn *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* 711

A Time of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

God of the Journey,  
you call us,  
**and we turn away,**  
**listening to the loudest voices.**  
God of Compassion,  
you call us,  
**and we turn aside,**  
**choosing the easier path.**  
You call us to be your voice crying out for justice,  
**to be your hands providing compassion,**  
**to be your feet marching in solidarity,**  
**to live as witnesses to your peace,**  
**forgiveness, healing, love and grace.**  
Forgive us, Gracious One,  
**open our ears,**  
**call us once more,**  
**as living testimony to your shalom. Amen.**

## SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 Bob Pryor

Listen now for Word and Wisdom  
as it comes to us in the reading of holy scripture.  
**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* FCC Choir  
African-American spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-20 Rev. Nancy Gowler  
Heavenly words for earthly people.  
**thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Lights, Cameras, Action* Rev. Nancy Gowler

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

\*Song of Response *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*



1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands And  
2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands With  
3. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, Like  
4. Give thanks for strong yet ten - der hands, Held  
5. Reach out in friend - ship, stay with faith, In



like a treas - ure hold it; Pro - tect it like a  
lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; Be gen - tle in your  
bread we break for shar - ing; Look peo - ple warm - ly  
out in trust and bless - ing. Where words fall short, let  
touch with those a - round you. Put peace in - to each



can - dle flame, With ten - der - ness en - fold it.  
words and ways, In touch with God's cre - a - tion.  
in the eye: Our life is meant for car - ing.  
hands speak out, The heights of love ex - press - ing.  
oth - er's hands: The Peace that sought and found you.

Moment for Mission Alana Scott

Prayers of the People Bob Pryor

Lord, our Light and our Salvation . . .  
**hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you...  
**And also with you.**

Invitation to Communion Alana Scott

All are welcome at Christ's table.

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Our Sacred Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Alana Scott

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

\*Sung Response *This Little Light of Mine*



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,  
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,



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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\*Postlude *Oh, How I Love Jesus* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

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traditional African-American spiritual, OneLicense #A-739989.