

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation devoted to loving the whole city and loving the city whole!
January 11, 2026 - 10:00am - Second Sunday in Epiphany

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Organ Prelude: “A Quiet Pastoral”

by Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements – Please sign in on the Attendance pads,
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically
or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>.

Please fill out yellow prayer card to share joys/concerns.

* Please stand if you are able.



***Opening Hymn UMH #256:** “We Would See Jesus”

- 1) We would see Jesus; Lo! his star is shining above the stable while the angels sing;
There in a manger on the hay reclining; haste, let us lay our gifts before the king.
- 2) We would see Jesus, Mary's son most holy, light of the village life from day to day;
Shining revealed through every task most lowly,
the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.
- 3) We would see Jesus on the mountain teaching, with all the listening people gathered round;
While birds and flowers and sky above are preaching
the blessedness which simple trust has found.
- 4) We would see Jesus, in his work of healing, at eventide before the sun was set;
Divine and human, in his deep revealing of God made flesh, in loving service met.
- 5) We would see Jesus, in the early morning, still as of old he calleth, "follow me!"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning; Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***The Call to Worship**

One: We gather as beloved children of God.

All: We are each chosen, and we, too, delight the soul of God.

One: We are all servants upheld by God and filled with God's Spirit to bring forth justice.

All: We each receive our breath from the same God who stretched the heavens and spread out the Earth.

One: God holds each hand. God keeps each heart

All: God opens our eyes to see the new things about to spring forth.

One: Let us listen. Let us watch.

All: Let us worship.

Time of Prayer — *During the prayer chorus, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards to deliver to the pastor.*

***Prayer Chorus:** *“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love. — Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us." The score features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line.

Silent Meditation and Lifting our Celebrations and Concerns In 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.

Living Our Gratitude

♪ You can support your church family by giving in person or online.
Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God
for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!
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<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



The Offertory: *“Here I Am, Lord”*

by Daniel Schutte; arr. Marianne Kim

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; **UMH #94**
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: Holy God, we bring to you these gifts knowing that all we are and all we have comes from you. Use our gifts to establish justice and righteousness in our world, and to bring hope, healing, and light to all in need, for we ask in the name of Christ, our Emmanuel and Guiding Light. Amen.

Choral Anthem: *“Hiding in the Shadow of God”*

w/m by Heather Sorenson

Chorus UMH #191: *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible O.T. pg. 630

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness. I have taken you by the hand and kept you. I have given you as a covenant to the people and a light to the nations, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name. My glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Response to the Word

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

THE SERVANT

Pastor Amy Terhune

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WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn FWS #2241: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”**

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| 1) The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
We go in Jesus’ name
To bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim. | 3) We go to be the hands of Christ,
To scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life,
To do the loving deed. |
| 2) We go to comfort those who mourn
And set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream
And help the blind to see. | 4) Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God’s Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus’ name. |

***Benediction:**

(adapted from Nathan Nettleton, <https://laughingbird.net>.)

One: Beloved, go now as a light to the nations and to your neighbors. Share the love of Jesus. And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace. May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you. And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God’s beloved children.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** Postlude: “The Voice of God Is Calling”**

by William Lloyd; arr. Gilbert Martin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Bonnie Arnst, Marc Cesere, Kathy Winkowski / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Coffee Hour: Jackie Matlock & Dee Mills / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Angie Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, Tom Brubaker, Bernie Buggia, Myrna Cammin, Sue Cooper, Bonnie Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne & Phyllis Henney, Marion Hoffman, Bill Johnson, Erlene Kimber, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Mark Leffler, Jane MacQueen, Bonnie Markley, Kay Mertz, Trinity & Audri Miller, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Noreen Southgate, Rita Taylor, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for peace in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Wayne Henney

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing THIS Tuesday, Jan. 13. On the menu for January: Lasagna. Sign up to donate food and help with clean-up at the Welcome Desk

HELP NEEDED – the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will deliver our next pallets of food for children's weekend backpacks on Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Sign up online to help out with:

- a) People to meet the truck between 10am-11am every other Wednesday, help organize the food, and then pack up the food bags.
- b) People to deliver 22 food bags to Westdale Elementary and 31 food bags to Arrowwood Elementary school EVERY Thursday morning.
- c) Sign up to help out online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-44603782-backpack>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Nurture Committee – Monday 01/12 at 6pm
Reach/Prepare/Send – Monday 01/12 at 7pm

Memorials Committee – Monday 01/12 at 11am.
Finance Committee – Tuesday 01/20 at 7:15pm
Trustees Committee Tuesday 01/27 at 7:15pm

TALENT SHOW – Broadway lights are coming to First U.M.C!! The Annual Talent Show is Sunday, February 15, 2026. If you'd like to participate, sign up by Feb. 1 at the Welcome Desk or contact Kathy Winkowski. Thank you!

OUTHOUSE RACE - First United Methodist Church is delighted to announce that we'll have our very first entry in the 12th Annual Saginaw Outhouse Race! The race will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Hoyt Park in downtown Saginaw, starting at 1:00 PM.

Hosted by Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, this fun event invites teams to race creatively designed outhouses on cross-country skis. Our church's entry, humorously titled "Let Us Spray," will look like a giant air freshener can. We're proud to be represented by Tom Brubaker, Mark Cesere, Chuck Priem, Kevin Regan, Andy Sharrow, and Keith Courier.

There's no admission fee, and the event will include food trucks, a beer tent, and free sleds for kids. We'd love to form a contingent of our First United Church family members to come out and cheer on our team. And just before the big day, we'll display our entry in the church narthex so everyone can get a sneak peek! We hope to see you there!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!

YouTube: **Saginaw First UMC**

Bluesky: **FirstUMCSaginaw.bsky.social**

Facebook: **@firstumcofsaginaw**

Instagram: **saginawfumc**



Our church. Our story.

It's our church's 175th Anniversary year! 175 years of faithful, loving ministry and service in our city!

Our church's story began in the fall of 1851. Just think about it: we have a 'cloud of witnesses' from generations past who have paved the way for the ministry we enjoy today. Members of our church served and died in the Civil War, both World Wars and numerous other conflicts. They witnessed women's suffrage to secure the right to vote and marveled at the invention of electricity, the telephone and the automobile; fought for civil rights, witnessed the landing on the moon, the invention of the computer and numerous cultural and political changes. And, through it all, Saginaw First United Methodist Church has remained a constant, faithful voice and presence of God's love.

175 years of history and service deserves to be explored and celebrated! Through the coming months, Our Church. Our Story. articles will introduce you to our church's history as Jim Doane, our Church Historian, shares stories of our humble beginnings to our current campus. We'll introduce you to our Church History Room and share articles on some of the interesting artifacts you'll find there that you can explore on your own.

But our church's story is about more than buildings and artifacts. It's about the people who helped shape our congregation with their faith and determination. It's about the relationships and friendships formed through service and ministry. Through numerous personal interviews I've conducted, you'll discover what brought some of our members to First United, what has kept them here, some of their favorite memories and what they're most grateful for when they look back on their years of membership. Each interview weaves another thread into the tapestry of our church's history and helps to underscore why Saginaw First United is so special.

Would you like to participate? If so, please respond to the questions below and submit your information to the church office with your name, phone and email contact information. Please note: editing of submissions may be required and are at the discretion of the Anniversary Committee Chairperson and Pastor Amy.

1. What brought you to First United Methodist Church?
2. What are some of your favorite memories of your time with us?
3. When you think of First United, what are you most grateful for?

Special thanks to member, **Cory Sursely**, for designing our anniversary logo and all of the printed materials to come. And to member, **Steve Jordan** and his company, **Barrett Signs** for the banners you see inside and outside the church.

Our 175th Anniversary will culminate in a worship service on September 27 that will include special guests and music, a luncheon following worship and maybe another surprise or two. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Anne Marks-Gaertner
175th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chair