

WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE

The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website at** www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

SEEKING ACOLYTES FOR THE 10:45 SUNDAY SERVICE Young people in 5th grade and up, we'd love to have your help in the worship service to light the altar candles at the beginning of the service and to carry the light of Christ back out at the end. Whether you have participated before or you are new to it, contact Jennifer Kniceley Sprouse at 304-906-9007 (text or call) and we will update our list with your continued willingness to help or as a new recruit.

NEW BIBLE STUDY — THE BOOK OF ACTS: Join us for a new Bible study on the Book of Acts beginning this Thursday, January 29, at 7:00 PM in the Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary Overflow area). We'll explore how the early church was formed, challenged, and sent into the world—and what this Spirit-led story means for the church today. Whether you are new to Bible study or looking to go deeper, you are welcome.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY RETURNS
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AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

6:15 PM SATURDAY EVENINGS, infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right

10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-5th grade, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary

Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks

Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: John 10:11-18
Monday: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Tuesday: Psalm 18:1-5
Wednesday: II Corinthians 1:1-11
Thursday: Psalm 16:1-7
Friday: I Peter 5:6-7
Saturday: Luke 22:24-30

Breath Prayer This Week

Dear God, help us to hand over to you the things that make us anxious, knowing you care for us and will provide what we need. Amen.

DAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Sunday School Classes:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family, Friends/Parlor/9:30 AM
Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM
Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/
Primary Chapel/9:30 AM
Nursery Care/Infant-2 year old/
Nursery/9:30 AM
Children's Church Ages 5 thru 5th grade/10:45 AM/Children's
Church room, back of
Sanctuary

Lectionary Bible Study/Thursdays/
Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study/Sanctuary overflow/
Thursdays/7:00 PM

begins this Thurs. Jan. 29

L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave.
Campus/Tuesdays/ 7:30 PM

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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

January 24, 2026

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT	Renee Warner
GATHERING MUSIC	
*HYMNS	<i>Jesus, Draw Me Close As the Deer</i> FWS 2159 FWS 2025
*INVOCATION	
*THE LORD'S PRAYER	
MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES	
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~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org for regular updates.	
WORD IN MUSIC	
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 27
SEEING GOD CLEARLY: AN EPIPHANY SERIES IN THE PSALMS	
MESSAGE	<i>Foxhole Faith</i> Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Faith Is Patience in the Night</i> FWS 2211
PASTORAL PRAYER	
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>My Faith Looks up to Thee</i> UMH 452
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD	
*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE	
Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel	

*Indicates standing as able.

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

January 25, 2026

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise	
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation	
*Scripture Choruses and Songs	Jim Harris
Growing in the Word	
*Scripture	
SEEING GOD CLEARLY: AN EPIPHANY SERIES IN THE PSALMS	
MESSAGE	<i>Foxhole Faith</i> Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
Glorifying God Through Communion and Response	
Holy Communion	
(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)	
Going Forth to Share and Serve	
Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities	
*Closing Song	
*Benediction and Sending Forth	
*Indicates standing as able.	

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE

FIRST TIME USERS, SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT OR GIVE ANONYMOUSLY.

ESTABLISHED USERS LOGIN. THOUGHTFULLY GIVE.



Bridgeport United Methodist Church

January 25, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE LORD
is my light
-PSALM 27:1

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25" We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES

The Hiding Place In His Presence

by Bryan Jeffery Leech
by Dick and Melodie Tunney

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Nancy McClure.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Who is the Lord?

ALL: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Reader: Again, I ask you—who is the Lord?

ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

Reader: When evil assails us and temptations abound, what gives you such confidence?

ALL: We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord.

Reader: And what are you here to do?

ALL: To seek the Lord, to be strong, and to let our hearts take courage.

Reader: Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!

ALL: We will worship the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: O God, our light and salvation, draw us into your presence today. O God, our stronghold, quiet our fears, lift our eyes, and help us to seek you above all else, for we long for you. Make us strong and courageous as we wait for you, and open our hearts to your Word.

ALL: We offer you our worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world. Amen.

*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.

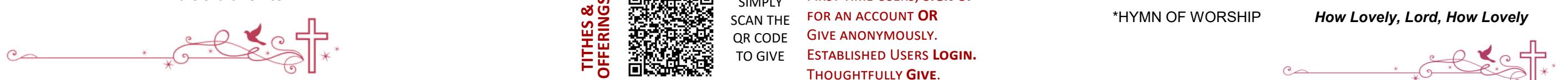
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*HYMN OF WORSHIP

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

FWS 2042

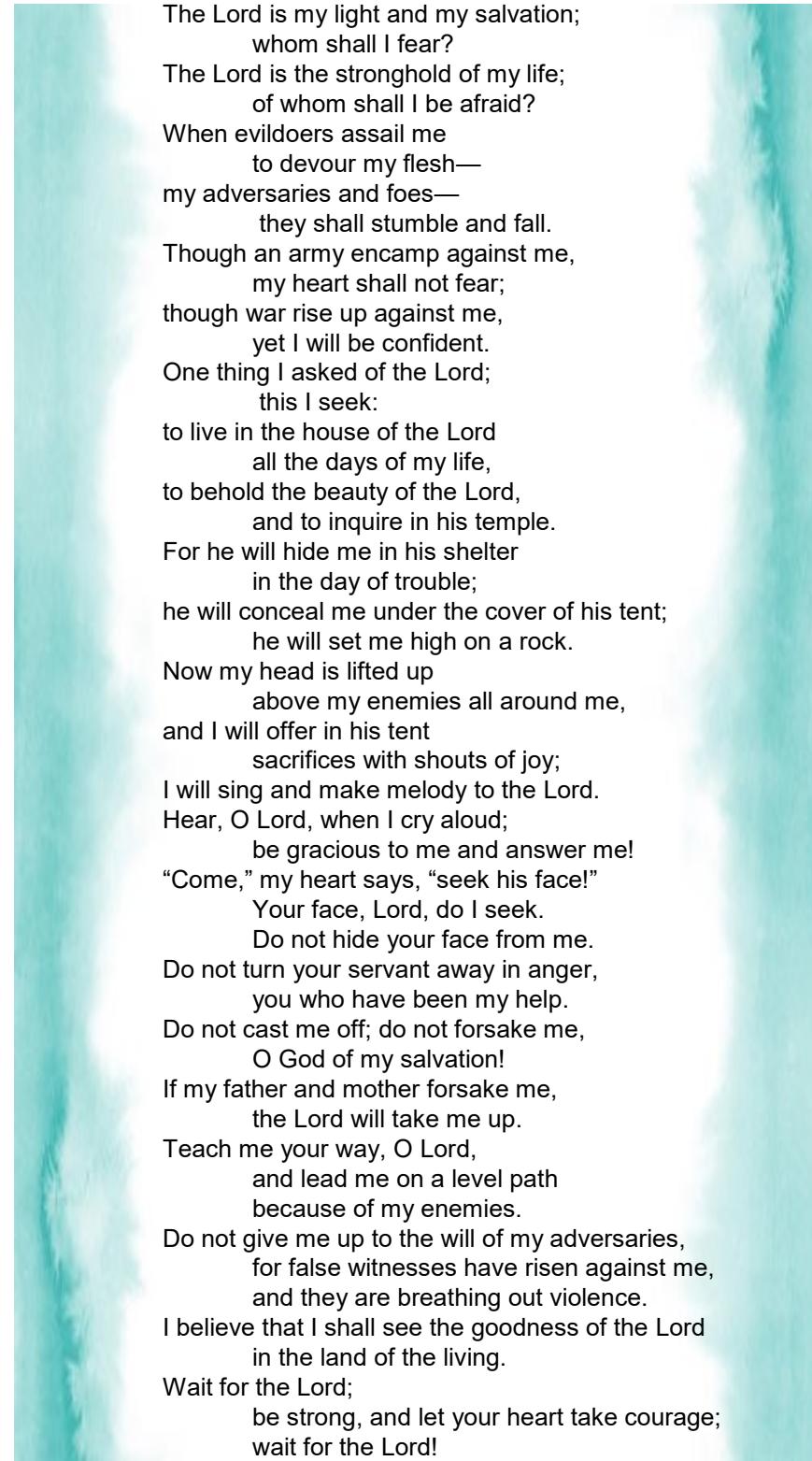


WORD IN MUSIC

Psalm of HopeAndrea Ramsey
texts excerpted from Psalms 27, 71 and 31**Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
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.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

*SCRIPTURE LESSON



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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Lord, You're Beautiful

FWS 2064

SEEING GOD CLEARLY: AN EPIPHANY SERIES IN THE PSALMS
MESSAGE **Foxhole Faith** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*PRAYER OF RESPONSE

One thing I ask.

One thing I seek.

Just one thing:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple
To be kept safe in Christ, hidden in him in the day of trouble
My heart says, "Seek Christ's face!" Your face, Lord, is all I seek
My heart cries out, "Lord, please don't hide your face from me!"
My heart longs for Jesus Christ alone, no matter what happens

One thing...Jesus.

When darkness descends

One Light...Jesus

When enemies attack

One Savior...Jesus

When I am left alone

One Friend...Jesus

One thing...Jesus

I take heart

One thing...Jesus.

I yearn

One thing...Jesus.

I wait

One thing...Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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 THANKSGIVING

Reader: We give you thanks, O God, for you are our light and our salvation, our refuge and our strength.

We thank you that you invite us to abide in your presence, to behold your beauty even in uncertain days, and to inquire of you with open and trusting hearts. You meet us not only with answers, but with your faithful, abiding presence.

We thank you for your goodness, which we glimpse even now, and for the promise that you are still at work bringing light out of darkness and life out of uncertainty.

ALL: Receive our thanks, our trust, and our praise, as we offer ourselves to you in worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Safe Am I

arr. by Fred Bock

*Indicates standing as able.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (January 25– February 1)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life Sunday School	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th)	Primary Chapel
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Children's Handbells	Children's Church Room
6:00–7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth	Education Building

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, February 1

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Ministering in the Service: Tom Price – liturgist; Brett Miller – pianist;
Chancel Choir

Christian Sympathy to Jon Griffith on the death of his mother.

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor † Rev. Sarita Robinson, Associate Pastor
 Rev. George Bramble, Pastoral Care † Rev. Jim Lang, Education
 Dr. Dan Hughes, Director of Chancel Choir † Brett Miller, Organist
 Jim Harris, Tom Price, Accompanists † Russ Francis, Treasurer
 Kim Kapp, Jennifer Walker, Administrative Staff † Polly Steele, Director of Preschool
 Becky Thornton, Director of Joyful Noise Afterschool Program
 Dan & Katherine Hughes, Seraphim Directors † Katherine Hughes, Jubilate Director
 Jennifer Lawson, Cherub Choir Director
 Dorothy Prunty, Denny Owens, Cathy Hamilton, Michael Moran, Facilities