

## 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](http://www.bridgeportumc.org) and click "Watch Online".

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

**BIBLE STUDY — THE BOOK OF ACTS:** Join us for our Bible study on the Book of Acts on Thursdays, 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.

**SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES**  
Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**IN HOLY WEEK**  
we walk with Jesus—from the cheers of Palm Sunday, to the intimacy of the Upper Room, to the shadow of the cross. On Easter, we stand before the empty tomb and hear again the announcement that changes everything: Christ is risen. We invite you to join us:

† **PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION** -  
March 28 at 6:15 pm  
March 29 at 8:30 am, 9:45 am  
(Johnson Campus), and 10:45 am

† **HOLY WEEK MIDDAY EUCHARIST**  
Monday–Wednesday, March 30–  
April 1 at 12:00 noon  
Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary  
Overflow)  
Pause in the midst of Holy Week for a quiet service of Scripture, brief reflection, and Holy Communion. Each day we will follow the movement of the week—Jesus in the temple, Jesus teaching, and the shadow of betrayal—as we prepare our hearts for the cross. These simple 30-minute services will offer space for prayer, stillness, and the grace of the Table.

† **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 2 at 7:00 pm

† **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3 at 12:00 noon

† **THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER** -  
Saturday, April 4 at 6:15 pm  
**EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP** -  
Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 am  
**EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION** -  
Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 am & 10:45  
AM and 9:45 am (Johnson Campus)

## Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalm 139:1-12

Monday: Jeremiah 29:11-12

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Wednesday: Matthew 14:12-21

Thursday: Psalm 23:1-6

Friday: Isaiah 41:8-10

Saturday: Acts 18:18-23

### Breath Prayer This Week

Father God, we pray that you will enable us to carry on in doing your will, even when our daily work feels monotonous. Amen.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Interested in helping with the rummage sale? There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 5 in the library at 11:15 AM. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help, please contact Cheryl Bramble.

### SUNDAY 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 5<sup>th</sup>  
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

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

### 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 5-5<sup>th</sup> grade,**

**Children's Church Room**

**Large Print Hymnals** at main entrance to

**the Sanctuary**

## SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

February 28, 2026

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Tom Price

\*HYMN

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347

\*INVOCATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 4:4-26*

WORD IN MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 4:27-30; 39-42*

**LENTEN SERIES-ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

MESSAGE

*Known*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*All Who Are Thirsty*

(inside of bulletin)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Blessed Quietness*

FWS 2142

\*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

March 1, 2026

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

Scripture

*John 4:4-30; 39-42*

**LENTEN SERIES-ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Message

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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



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**FIRST TIME USERS, SIGN UP  
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THOUGHTFULLY GIVE.**

## Bridgeport United Methodist Church

March 1, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

### LENTEN SERIES:

ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*The Second Sunday  
in Lent*



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 Love of God  
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Lenten Spirituals*

arr. by Fred Bock  
arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Michael Helman

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

INTROIT

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Come, all who are thirsty.

**ALL: We come seeking the water that gives life.**

Reader: Come, all who are weary of pretending.

**ALL: We come to be known in truth and loved in grace.**

Reader: Come, all who seek God's presence.

**ALL: We come to worship in Spirit and in truth.**

Reader: Come to the well of living water.

**ALL: We come to encounter the Savior of the world.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: Living God, Source of living water, we come to you thirsty – thirsty for grace, thirsty for truth, thirsty for the freedom that comes from being known by you. Meet us here just as you once met a woman at a well, and let us drink from the spring of water that gushes up to eternal life. As we worship in Spirit and in truth, let your love rise up within us until it overflows in compassion for the world.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, we pray.**

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 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)

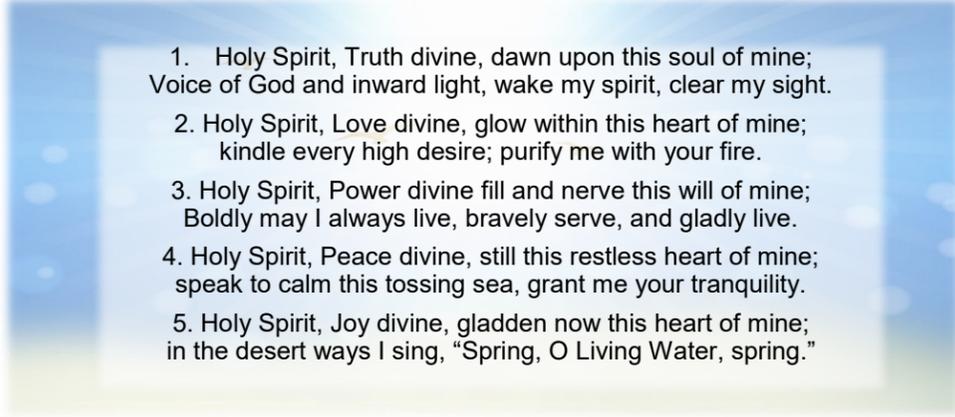
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(10:45 Children K-5th Grade only may leave for Children's Church.  
Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 4:4-26**

WORD IN MUSIC **Holy Spirit, Truth Divine** (Tune: FORT WAYNE)  
Samuel Longfellow; arr. Andrew Carter



1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle every high desire; purify me with your fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine fill and nerve this will of mine;  
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly live.
4. Holy Spirit, Peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility.
5. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine;  
in the desert ways I sing, "Spring, O Living Water, spring."

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 4:27-30; 39-42**

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**All Who Are Thirsty**

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain;  
dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.**

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**LENTEN SERIES - ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

MESSAGE **Known** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Fill My Cup, Lord** UMH 641

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

Reader: Merciful God, you meet us in the brightness of your truth, yet we confess that we prefer the shadows.

**ALL: We thirst for grace, yet we try to satisfy ourselves. We long to be known, yet we hide behind careful words and managed lives. We carry jars filled with distraction, pride, resentment, and fear, hoping they will sustain us.**

Reader: You know the truth about us — the things we have done, the things we have left undone, the wounds we carry and the wounds we have caused.

**ALL: Forgive us, O God. Wash us in your mercy. Let your living water cleanse what we cannot cleanse ourselves. Restore in us the joy of salvation, and make us springs of grace for others.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

Reader: Jesus said, "The water that I give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." This promise is for you. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world — in whom you are known fully and fully loved — your sins are forgiven, your shame is lifted, and new life begins.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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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**

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

Through your Son Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us now into the world refreshed and made new, that we may be springs of grace for others, bearing witness to the Savior of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** UMH 127

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **Pastorale** Terry Osman

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Ministering in the Service:** Cheryl Bramble – liturgist; Chancel Choir; Brett Miller – pianist; Adult Handbell Choir; Sarah Carr Parsons – soloist; Rev. Sarita Robinson

**Christian Sympathy to** Jeanne Fridley on the death of her mother, Pam Gross.



Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewed devotion. But why do we observe it? What does it shape in us as followers of Christ? Join us for three special Sunday evening services as we explore the theme "Why Lent?":

March 8 – Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

March 15 – Rev. Melissa Paugh

March 22 – Rev. Dr. Paul Rebelo, Pastor, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (Buckhannon)

Each service begins at 7:00 pm. Come for worship, reflection, and preparation as we journey toward the cross and the hope of Easter.



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 1– March 8)**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life SS	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
4:30 PM	Confirmation Class	Youth Building
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 PM	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Balcony
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
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
10:30 AM	Esther Ruth Circle Meeting	Children's Church 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
11:15 AM	Rummage Sale Meeting	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
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**SUNDAY, March 8**

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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6:00-7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth	Education Building
7:00 PM	Lenten Worship Service	Sanctuary

**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  
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Jim Harris, Tom Price, Accompanists † Russ Francis, Treasurer  
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