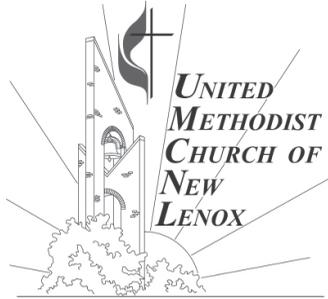


January 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany



Welcome! We're glad that you're here. Please use the time before worship to prepare your heart and mind for being in the presence of God. The musical prelude is offered as a time of spiritual preparation

Please let us know you are here,  
especially if you are new to worship with us!  
Simply open your camera on your smart phone and  
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### ENTRANCE

#### Prelude & Processional

9:00 "Holy Forever" by Tomlin (Praise Band)

11:00 "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"  
(Karen Weirman)

#### Welcome & Announcements

##### \*Passing of the Peace

##### \*Opening Prayer

God of us all, your love never ends. Come into the brokenness of our lives with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. Melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice that separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, and bind us together we pray, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
(#384, v. 1-3)

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 "Great Is The Lord" (Chancel Choir)

11:00 "Alleluia, Amen" by Lamb (Herald Bells)

#### Moment of Silence and 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 13:34-35 (CEB)

Sermon: "What if... Pt. 1: Love Boldly"  
Rev. Wesley Dickson

### THANKSGIVING

**Moment of Gratitude and Generosity**  
*Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!*



Offertory 9:00 "Revelation Song" by Riddle  
(Praise Band)

11:00 "In Quietness & Confidence" by Lamb  
(Herald Bells)

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
(#95)

#### Prayer of Dedication

God of infinite forgiveness and grace, we offer these gifts as an expression of our gratitude for all that you have provided. Awaken us to your overwhelming gift of grace, so that we may love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (#577)

#### Benediction

Recessional 9:00 "May the Lord Bless You"  
(Chancel Choir)

11:00 "Edelweiss" (Herald Bells)

Postlude "Te Deum" by Charpentier  
(Karen Weirman)

**\*\*Communion will be available in the Chapel immediately following the service for those who wish to participate.**

## Church Happenings

**Coffee Hour** Come and enjoy fellowship time between services! Thank you Ruth Circle for hosting coffee hour today. UMW will host 1/25.

**2026 Giving Envelopes** are available for pickup in the Narthex through the end of January. If you don't have envelopes assigned to you and would like some, please email the office at [office@umcnl.com](mailto:office@umcnl.com)

**Blanket Sunday is TODAY** Those who wish to can make a monetary donation, which will facilitate Church World Service's purchase of blankets for the homeless and those impacted by disaster. Each blanket costs \$10, but any monetary donation is an appreciated gift.

**Memorial Ornaments** for loved ones are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please pick up next time you are in, thank you!

**A Note about Winter Weather** When there is an abundance of snow, ice wind or whatever, please be absolutely sure to exercise caution when making the decision to venture out to worship. It is our practice to meet for worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Even if the snow is blowing and the lights are out, we will still be here for service and we will also do our best to stream the 11:00 service.

**Sunday Email** If you are not receiving a Sunday morning email for Wesley and wish to be added, please contact Pastor Wesley at [wesley@umcnl.com](mailto:wesley@umcnl.com). You'll receive an email each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. with the most current UMCNL information.

**Musicians Wanted** Church Orchestra Sunday is on February 8th at both services. If you are interested in participating, please sign your name, instrument and email at the Welcome Center. There will be one rehearsal only on Wednesday evening, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

**Prayer Chain Ministry** Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email [office@umcnl.com](mailto:office@umcnl.com) to join this wonderful group! Prayer changes things; we will never know the impact our prayers will have on others, but we will know when prayer begins to change us.

## Get Involved

**Friendship Group** Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be February 19, 2026 at Teardrop Cafe, 826 W. Laraway Road. The Sponsors are Janet Kuester and Bob Stasiowski. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets in the church chapel Friday mornings from 9:30- 11:00 a.m. New ladies are always welcome to join us!

**Sarah Circle** will be meeting Friday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Denise Lough's house in New Lenox. Bring yourself and a friend! We will be collecting gently used women's clothing for a fundraiser and donation to The Bridge Teen Center. Call or text Teresa Randolph (773) 405-6233

**The Comfort Makers** sewing group meets on various days throughout the year to make different projects for missions. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 22. They make comforters, backpacks and other items to be used throughout the world. Judy McCune heads this group and sets the meeting day/time in the Chapel. You don't even have to know how to sew to join in the fellowship of this wonderful group of ladies. You can cut fabric or iron if sewing is not your forte! If you would like more information, please contact Judy at [jmcsews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmcsews@sbcglobal.net) for the next chance to be a part of this group!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Our group will now meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We will next meet on Monday, January 26 at Beverly Deptolla's house, 125 Whisper Creek Drive. Please contact Beverly at (815) 514-6814 for more info!

**Men's Study Group** meets every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room and is led by Scott Creech. All men invited!

**Greeters Needed** We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

**Welcome Center Volunteers** are needed on Sundays! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Amanda Fox at [amandaseverson1281@gmail.com](mailto:amandaseverson1281@gmail.com)

## Youth Updates

**Scholarships** The time for applying for scholarships is here! The criteria and application form for the scholarships are available by contacting Al Haring at [haring1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:haring1@sbcglobal.net) beginning Sunday, January 11, 2026. "Scholarship question" should be in the Subject line. High School seniors should cc their parents on all emails. Completed application forms for consideration will need to be returned to the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

**Sunday School and Nursery** We offer Preschool for ages 3-5 not yet in Kindergarten; Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd and 4th grade; and 5th grade - 7th grade. The nursery is for children 3 months to 36 months. Please bring the nursery children down before 9:15. Our teachers are excited to share the word of God with the children. If you have questions about our Sunday School program, don't hesitate to contact Linda Haring at [lharing15@gmail.com](mailto:lharing15@gmail.com).

**Youth Group** Join us! UMCNL will host a weekly youth program for 7-12 grade students every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Keep in touch via email and text by texting JOINUYM to 84576 or connect online with us at [unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com](http://unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com)

## Contact Us/Prayer Requests

Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment.

**Pastor Mark:** Call/text: 815-587-3795; [mark@umcnl.com](mailto:mark@umcnl.com)  
**Pastor Wesley:** Call/text: 630-708-2470; [wesley@umcnl.com](mailto:wesley@umcnl.com)

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