

Throughout the Church...

- Baptizing America Book Study (in person)**
 - Tuesday @ 10:30am
- Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am**
- Tasting Peoria - 6pm**
- Baptizing America Book Study (virtual)**
 - Thursday @ 6:30pm



← Check out our full calendar of events here

Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

Loving Our Neighbors



2026 Worship Theme

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| 01 | JANUARY
What Is Love? | 07 | JULY
Pursuing a Liberating Love |
| 02 | FEBRUARY
Learning to Love Yourself | 08 | AUGUST
God's Unbreakable Love |
| 03 | MARCH
Lent:
Learning to Love the Dust | 09 | SEPTEMBER
Stewardship Campaign:
When Love Is Enough |
| 04 | APRIL
Who Is Our Neighbor? | 10 | OCTOBER
A Just Love |
| 05 | MAY
When Neighbors Feel Like Enemies | 11 | NOVEMBER
Responding to Love |
| 06 | JUNE
Love Wins | 12 | DECEMBER
Advent:
Love Embodied |



January 4, 2026
10:30am

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Today's Meditation*God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.*

- Max Lucado

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship

*One: A star has led us here, from far away***Many: Settling at rest above a lowly manger***One: The Spirit guided us, as we carried our gifts fit for a King***Many: Herod spoke kindly, but his eyes were fearful***One: the child was old enough to laugh by the time we arrived, his laugh was infectious***Many: All were smiling and praising a peasant as the newborn King***One: In a dream we were warned to return home another way, so we did - never to see Herod again***ALL: Praise to the God of all peoples - east and west, peasant or King.**

†Opening Hymn

As with Gladness

#173

†Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...***All: God of guidance and new beginnings, show us your star and speak to us in our dreams. Send us messages, signs, signals, and hints about our wholeness and healing. Lead us into graciousness and peace. Beckon us towards courage and conviction. Steer us into moments which require our compassion and forgiveness. Send your Spirit that we might be made new, more perfectly in your image, by the way of Jesus, who taught us to pray by saying...Our Father/Creator...**

†Epiphany Vision Response

There's a Song in the Air! vs 3

#159

Scripture Reading

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Mathew 2:1-12

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Mary Did You Know?

Jerry Hornbacker

Lowry/Greene

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

Heavenly Love

†Hymn of Commitment

#168

Down to Earth

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

#172

We Three Kings vs 1-4

The Lord's Supper

All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

Go Tell It on the Mountain

#167

Postlude

Rev. Adam Bradley
Rev. Mason Fitch
Heather Woods
Brian Woods
Brandy Ganschow
Diane Pfoff
Lynn Hutton
Brandy Ganschow**Scan Here
to Give****Ministering Today**

Elders

Connie Sinn
Dave Sinn

Deacons

Chancel
HeadBeth Reynolds
Tim Dougherty
Peter Hinshaw
Lindsey Hinshaw
Levi HollowayLay Reader
Acolyte
GreetersSandy Surface
Natalie Woods
Sandy Surface
Aldine

Counters

Steve West
Ralph Tegg

Adult SS

Youth SS

Preschool

Kevin Wolfe
Kathleen Wheeler
Jenny Tripses**Staff**Lead Pastor
Pastor
Music Ministry Coordinator
Organist
Child Care
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Interim Custodian