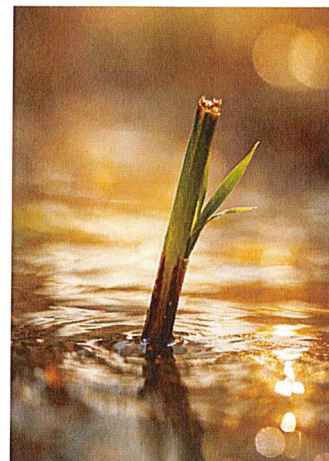


Grace Devotion

Week of January 11, 2026

*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. (Isaiah 42:1-3 NRSVUE)*



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Greetings to each of you, Beloved people of God,

At Jesus's baptism, something extraordinary happens. God's voice breaks through the waters and the heavens with the words, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17) Before Jesus begins to do great works, he is claimed and held in love by God.

This is the same love that claims each one of us and calls each of us God's beloved. It has nothing to do with the things we have done; it is because of God's love for each of us. That love comes with a gentle call—to live in the world with hope, kindness, and courage. We are called to live a life of grace that we have received and to share it abundantly with others.

Baptism is our reminder of God's love. It calls us into the life of Christ, into service for others, and to be present with one another. It is that gentle voice telling us that we belong. May we each feel that connection, that sense of being loved in our hearts. May it shape the way we speak, act, and see the world. May we also remember the call to love one another as God loves each of us.

## Prayer:

Loving God, Thank You for loving us. Your love is not with strings. It isn't conditional. Your love is complete. Thank You for seeing us, for claiming us, for calling us by name. To be known so fully and loved by You is a blessing that we hold dear to us. Let us also remember to share that love with those we meet, so that everyone may feel that same sense of being seen, known, and valued. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

**January 11, 2026**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Baptism of Christ**

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**\*\*+“Same Power”**

**#3**

**\*\* Call to Worship**

Lector: As we gather in this space of grace, we gather as those loved by God.

**Congregation: We are God’s beloved. We are named, claimed, and held close.**

Lector: God calls us to love, to hope, and to serve.

**Congregation: We come today to be loved by God and to share that love with the world.**

Lector: Come, let us worship today.

**Congregation: knowing that we are claimed by God who calls us each by name.**

**\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**

**Loving God, we know that each of us is fully loved by You. Before we speak or act, you hold us close and call each of us by name. Thank You for claiming us and for sending us out into the world with love and hope. Open our hearts today so that we may hear Your Word and share Your love with one another. Amen**

**\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*\*° Hymn: “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**#267**

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Celebration of Our Gifts

**\*\* Offertory Response: “Doxology”**

**#625**

**\*\* Prayer of Dedication**

**° Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**#2**

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Held in God’s Love”

**Installation of 2026 Consistory**

Holy Communion

**\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, God, for the gift of Your love poured out for us in the bread and the cup. We give thanks for called us beloved. We give thanks for sending us into the world with courage, hope, and grace. May we carry this love in our hearts, and share it with our neighbors. May we remember that wherever we go, we are Yours. Amen**

**\*\*+“And All the People Said Amen”**

**#8**

**\*\* Final Blessing**

**\*\* “A Choral Benediction”**

Postlude

**\*\* Please stand, if you are able.**

**+ Black contemporary folder**

**° Blue hymnal**

### Announcements

- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.
- Thank you so much for the Christmas Fund Donations. Donations received totaled \$275.00.
- From the Altar Guild: Please notice the altar vases which celebrate Epiphany. The red roses are for the birth of Christ, the lilies represent the resurrection of Christ, and the white flowers represent serenity in Christ.

### Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministry – January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – Zoom
- Women's Ministry – January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – In Person
- PAL – Grace UCC Helpers – January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

### Upcoming Meetings

- Consistory Meeting – January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Staff Meeting – January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM
- Worship & Music – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

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Lector - Jenn Weaver

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Jenn Weaver & Anita Kincaid



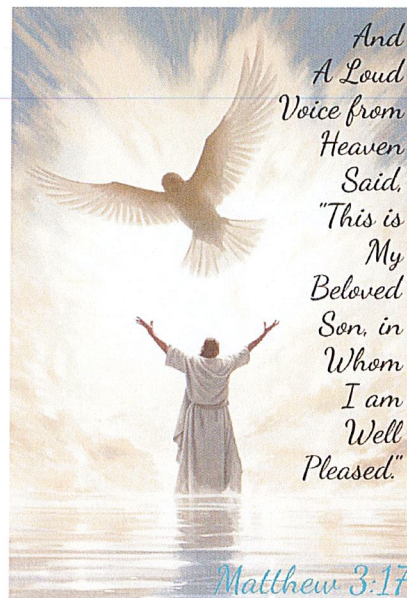
### Isaiah 42

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## Matthew 3

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And  
 A Loud  
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 "This is  
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Matthew 3:17

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