

Grace Devotion

Week of January 18, 2026

⁴ I give thanks to my^[b] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of^[c] Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

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Hello dear friends,

I am excited to write to you today about the new and exciting changes with our UCC conference here in Pennsylvania. As you may know, for the past four years, there have been many discussions, study groups, discernment, and town hall meetings to discuss the possibility of merging the four PA UCC conferences (Penn West, Penn Central, Penn Southeast, and Penn Northeast) into one Keystone Conference because “Together We Are Stronger”. At the 2025 General Synod, the motion was overwhelmingly approved and starting January 1, 2026 we are now the Keystone Conference.

This merger allows us to join our resources, gifts, and energy to serve Christ across Pennsylvania. It means that we are able to support one another in new and exciting ways. Even if we cannot be together physically, we are united in spirit, prayer and purpose. Our new regional minister (from the newly formed Region 3) will be visiting Grace soon. What a wonderful opportunity to welcome him into our community of faith and to see God at work in this exciting transition. Truly, together we are stronger and together we can shine God’s light far and wide.

## Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God, Thank You for guiding our conferences through this season of change and growth, just as You guide us through our own seasons of change. Help us to embrace new opportunities and support one another in love. May we feel Your presence each and every day and know that together, in spirit and faith, we are strong.

Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy



January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\*+ “Soul on Fire”

#4

\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Come everyone—whether you are searching,  
wondering or trying to find your way.

**Congregation: We come, trusting God’s faithful  
love and grace.**

Lector: Come, all who long for hope, peace, and place to  
belong.

**Congregation: We come, ready to follow where  
Jesus calls us.**

Lector: Come, curious hearts, open hands, and willing  
spirits.

**Congregation: We come, eager to see, learn, and  
be welcomed as we are.**

Lector: Here, Christ calls us, equips us, and makes us one.

**Congregation: Let us worship together the God  
who welcomes all.**

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

**Loving God, we come to You today with our hearts and  
minds open. You have called us by name and welcomed  
us into Your presence. You have given us gifts to love  
and serve one another. Help to open our eyes, our  
hearts, and our hands so that we may follow where you  
lead us and so that all feel Your love and welcome.**  
Amen

\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*\*° Hymn: “The Summons”

#Bulletin Insert

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “Doxology”

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\*\* Prayer of Dedication

° Hymn: “Jesus Call Us”

#375

\*\* New Creed

Scripture Readings:

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**John 1:29-42**

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Called Together” ~Rev David Ackerman

\*\*+ “This is Amazing Grace”

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\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

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

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal



### Announcements

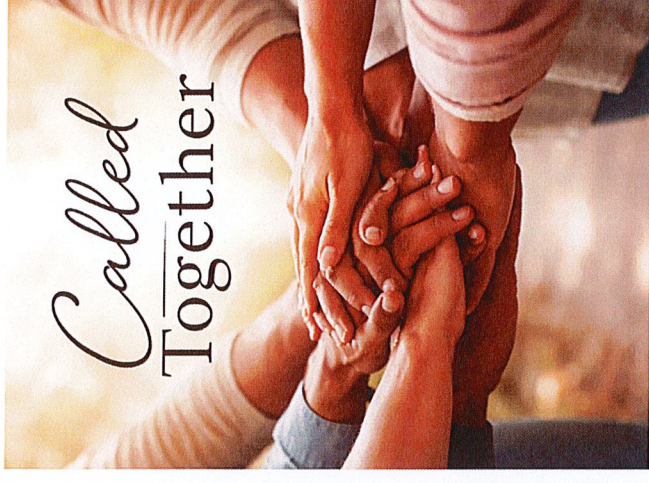
- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.

### Upcoming Events

- 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

- 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:**

Regional Conference Minister – Rev. David Ackerman

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Leonard Bankert

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Ushers – Jenn Weaver & Anita Kincaid



# 1 Corinthians 1

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## John 1:29

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