

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
January 19, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE MEDITATION\* CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Choir

\*OPENING HYMN: # 552 "We Gather Together"

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

People: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

Leader: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

People: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

Leader: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

People: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

God, our God,

As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 484 The Church's One Foundation

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 2:1-11

SERMON: Pastor Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:  
Thanksgivings  
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer  
Prayers of Adoration  
Community Prayer

Lord, we need a miracle today.

Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today.

We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.

We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.

We need a miracle today, Lord.

Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved.

Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted.

Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out.

Lord, crown us with your love.

Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.

Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (debits)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving (offering trays will not be passed)  
Doxology

\*CLOSING HYMN: # 7 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

\*BENEDICTION:

And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new.

POSTLUDE:

\* Denotes that all who are able should stand

**LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR JANUARY CALENDAR:**

Today, January 19, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.  
Pastor Joe Hackett. The Choir is singing.

Sunday, January 26, Worship Hour at 10:00 am. Pulpit supply to be announced. Special Music by Harry Tufford. Children's Sunday School. We will have our **Annual Meeting and Coffee Hour following the service.**

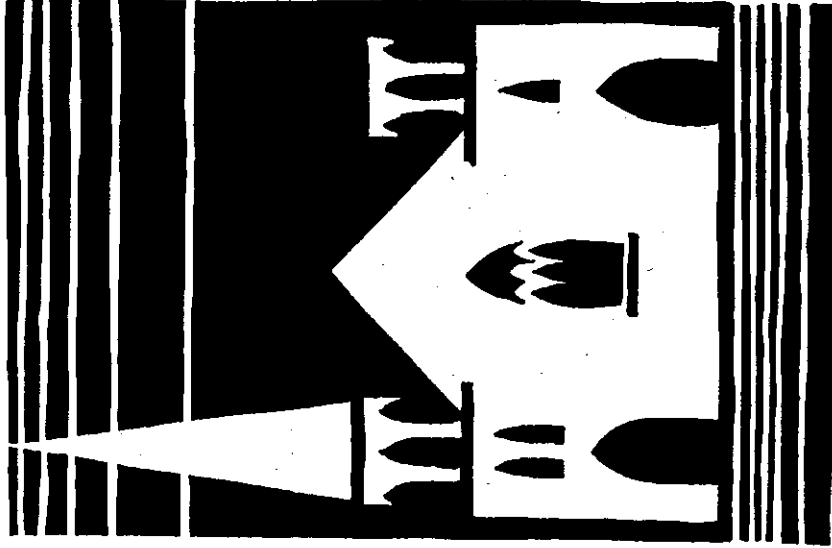
**Prayer Concerns**

Lori Haley, hospice  
Daniel Hays  
Torin, autism  
Elizabeth Joseph  
Morgan Haley  
Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister  
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister  
Tom Eckert, lung cancer  
Joshua Myer, cancer  
Morton Zimmerman  
Agneta Ray and family for peace and comfort.  
Cindy Ovokaitys

Oscar, Brain tumor  
Rev. Stu Merkel

The lost and wandering souls  
Peace and Good Will on Earth  
Those dealing with loss and grief  
God's Providence for Israel and the Middle East

*Welcome to the*  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN**



*Worship*

*Fellowship*

*Outreach*

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
- Matthew 18:20*

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Sunday Worship Time - 10:00 am

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