



### We Are a Church That Prays

We invite you to share your prayer concerns and joys with us. Pink prayer cards are available in the pews—please fill one out and place it in the Offering plate or in the prayer box located near the sanctuary doors.

Our pastor and dedicated prayer team will lift up these requests in prayer throughout the week.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service



Everyone is Welcome!

Volunteers Needed for January

### Mission Outreach Sewing Day

Thursday January 15th

10am-3pm



Thank you to members who have returned their pledge cards for 2026.

If you haven't turned in one yet, there is still time. The pledges assist with budgeting for 2026 and can be adjusted at any time.

# Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



Ushers: Karen & Larry Pennekamp  
Fellowship: \*\*Volunteers Needed\*\*



### Dinner Church

Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM

EVERYONE is welcome!

#### REQUEST: Dessert Items

(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)

**Volunteers** Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required.

Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.

**Menu this week: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Pickles, Fruit & Dessert**



### Bishop's Convocation of Laity 2026

"Practicing Hope"

Saturday March 7, 2026

9am-2pm

Portage UMC



Register by February 21st

Contact the office for details

### Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Jan 11	Men's Group	10:30 am
Mon	Jan 12	Trustees	5:30 pm
Mon	Jan 12	UWF	5:30 pm
Thur	Jan 15	Administrative Council	5:30 pm

## Black River Falls United Methodist Church



### UMC Mission Statement:

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

2nd Sunday after Christmas January 4, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE Carol Prindle

### INVITATION AND GATHERING

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

L: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

**P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

L: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

**P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

L: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

**P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

L: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

**P: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (Is.60, Ps. 72, Eph. 3, Mt. 2)

**Christ of power and justice, help us embrace the power that comes from love, and guide us to seek the justice that love reveals. Open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your wisdom in this time of worship. Open our lives in the year ahead to the power and strength of your loving Spirit. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN UMH #89

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

## PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety.**

**And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety.**

**Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than advocating for the rights of the oppressed.**

**Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to**

**know, and to change, the injustices of this world.**

**Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love. God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-18

**The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.**

\*HYMN

TFWS #2100

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

*THE SECOND ADVENT*

### THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

HOLY COMMUNION UMH #13-15

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As the kings brought their gifts, so now we are invited to share our gifts. Whether giving online, in the offering plate, through the mail, or with our lives, our gifts are another way we give Christ our worship and we give God the glory. May the Spirit flow through us and through our giving in this time of offering and in the year ahead.

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

\*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #254

*We Three Kings*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Carol Prindle