



Winchester United Methodist Church

A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching, Caring; United to Reflect God's Love to All !

GATHERING

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” - John 3:16

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious and loving God, we come before you, as Nicodemus did, seeking truth, light, and new life. You have promised that in Christ we will see greater things, and today we open our hearts to that promise. Breathe your Spirit upon us again, that we may be born anew into hope and faith. Shine your light into our lives and draw us deeper into the life you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Praise Video: *God So Loved* by We the Kingdom

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we often come to you in fear and doubt. We cling to what is familiar instead of trusting the new life you offer us in Christ. We resist your Spirit, and we choose darkness when you call us into the light. Forgive us for holding back from you and from the transformation you desire for our lives. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, so that we may live as people of your light. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Passing the Peace of Christ

(UMH #70)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Scripture John 3:1-21

*Hymn “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (UMH #349)

Sermon “Seeing New Life in Christ”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer and
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (UMH #384)

*Benediction

*Stand If You are Able

Our Winchester United
Methodist Church
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giving one time gifts or on-going.



This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, January 25, 2026

7:45 a.m. Prayer Group

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, January 26, 2026

6 p.m. Finance Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Ad Council

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9 a.m. Joint church staff Mtg. @ Wesley Chapel

7 p.m. "UnAfraid" Bible Study at WUMC

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10 a.m. "UnAfraid" Bible Study at Wesley Chapel

Thursday, January 29, 2026

9 a.m. "UnAfraid" Bible Study at Christ UMC White Hall

"Progressive Worship Service"

February 1st is to serve breakfast at 9:00 at Christ UMC, with our opening worship at 9:30. After that we will transition to Winchester UMC for the second part of worship with communion at 10:30. The third part of worship will be at Wesley Chapel with the closing part of worship at 11:30 followed by a soup and chili lunch following.

Our Sunday Services can be accessed through our church

Webpage: winchesterilumc.org/multimedia

*You Tube: Winchester Illinois United Methodist Church / Facebook page:
Link to the service*



In Our Prayers:

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Rosemary Peterson, Michael Ryan, Samara White, **friends in area nursing centers** and **friends who are homebound**, those in our **Military**: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Kale Pollard, Christian Wells and **all who are looking for work**.

WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



JANUARY 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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