



***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 every-  
one 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 dark-  
ness 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 con-  
fess the ways we have turned aside from your call...**

**\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri (UMH #70)**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**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 tres-  
pass 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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## ***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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](http://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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