

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Third Sunday after Epiphany,
January 25: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

Lectionary Year A, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany,
February 1: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12.



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to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church (USA) form.
We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 25, 2026 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Mary Ellen Shores.

Centering Music

* Call to Worship

One: In the sea of life’s daily stress and strife,
in the struggle to keep our heads above the wave,
Jesus calls to us from the shore:

All: “Follow me, and be fishers of people!”

One: God gathers us into new boats
built with room for friend and stranger.

**All: “Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose.
Follow me, and build abundant life.”**

One: We will follow you, Jesus!
And be weavers of community, architects of justice,
gardeners of peace.

**All: We will follow you, Jesus! And invite all Creation
to experience the goodness of your graciousness
and love.**

*** Opening Hymn** *You Walk along Our Shoreline*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish alongside you, casting wide your nets of love; but we are hesitant to leave our own boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

*Sung Response *Glory to God,* Song sheet
 Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Just a Closer Walk* - arr. Jack Schrader

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children’s Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them.

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 4:12-23*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *What’s the Hook?*
 Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words for Reflection *The Calling of the Disciples*
 - Lucille Clifton

some Jesus
has come on me

i throw down my nets
into the water he walks

i loose the fish
he feeds to cities
and everyone calls me
an old name

as I follow out
laughing like God’s fool
behind this Jesus

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God,* Song sheet
 from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

* Sending Hymn *From the Nets of Our Labor* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music