

THE SANCTUARY

Third Sunday after the Epiphany • January 25, 2026 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM
Please note: the 8:45 AM service is livestreamed.

GATHERING		Sellers
CENTERING	"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"	
	How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!	
	How lovely is Your dwelling place, is Your dwelling place, O God!	
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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* GREETING	Malambri	
Leader:	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?	
People:	The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?	
Leader:	One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,	
People:	to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.	
Leader:	This is that great thing I know:	
People:	Jesus Christ, the crucified.	
* HYMN	"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"	No. 163
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Nettles	
	"The Apostles' Creed	No. 881
* GLORIA PATRI	"Glory Be to the Father"	No. 71
* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE		

COLLECT

O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL MEDITATION

“No Turning Back”

“All my life seems filled with trouble, and I'm more confused each day. All the world seems cold and empty, and it's hard to find my way. When there's no one there to help me, I feel lost and all alone; but there is Someone I can turn to Who will love me as His own. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I'll never turn back, no turning back. When your heart is growing weary, and your path seems dark and long, when your hope begins to falter and temptation seems so strong, there's a Light to end the darkness and to chase your fears away. Yes, there is Someone you can turn to Who will guide you through each day. Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? You cannot turn back, no turning back. Yes, we've decided to follow Jesus. We have decided to follow Jesus. We have decided to follow Jesus, there's no turning back, no turning back.”

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* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

No. 560

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“I Belong to Christ”

Malambri

OFFERTORY

“Surely the Presence”

arr. Carter

* DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 94

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord our God, author and giver of all good things, we thank you for the saving knowledge of your Son, for the living presence of your Spirit, and for your Church, the body of Christ in this world. In all things, O God, help us to be faithful with the whole of our lives, for to you they belong through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN

“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love”

No. 566

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL

PLEASE remain in place and join in singing.

“Lift High the Cross”

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

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* POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

DIADEM

*Rise in body or spirit.

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME		Stevens Poirerl
OPENING PRAYER		
* SONG	“Open Up the Heavens”	
* PASSING OF THE PEACE		
* SONG	“Where You Are”	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	“The Apostles’ Creed”	
CELEBRATION OF GIFTS		
SONG	“Farther Along”	
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:1-4	
MESSAGE	“Light and Darkness”	Stevens Poirerl
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		
* SONG	“Marvelous Light”	
* BENEDICTION		

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Sandra Stevens Poirerl
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis
Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Bill Barber,
Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, George Howle,
Jonathan Nettles, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

Announcements

■ **The flowers** on The Sanctuary altar are given to the glory of God by Mary and Peter Gies in loving memory of Jodi Gies on her birthday. **The flowers** in the The Sanctuary narthex are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Smith Knaffle and Andrew Gasperson on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

■ Belin Memorial's **Year of Kindness for January** is the Winter Soup Ministry. If you know a church member or neighbor who is not feeling well and you would like to drop off homemade soup on their doorstep, this Kindness Ministry makes this easy for you. Frozen soup is labeled and stored in the freezer in the Family Life Center (FLC) kitchen; it's free for anyone to take. Please contact Mary Mallick (marym@belinumc.org; 843.357.5185) with any questions.

■ **United Methodist Men** begins its new year tomorrow night, January 26 at 6 PM in the FLC. Gordon Myers will be cooking "Brenda's Famous Spaghetti." Make your reservation by contacting Gordon Myers (gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com; 843.344.4256).

■ **United Methodist Men Sweetheart Dinner** is Friday, February 13, at 6 PM in the FLC. Tickets are available in the church office and FLC during normal business hours for \$20/person. Please contact Gordon Myers (gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com; 843.344.4256) for more information about the dinner or tickets.

■ **Seawall Cross Note Cards** are available for purchase in the FLC in six-card packs for \$15/pack. Fifty percent of the sales from this Heritage Team project benefits Belin Missions programs. In 2025, note card sales provided \$1,144 to this ministry.

■ **Children's Lenten Journey** - Countdown to Easter happens Wednesdays, February 18-March 25 from 5:30 PM – 7 PM in the FLC for Pre-K to 5th Grade. Dinner is provided and registration is now open. For more information please contact Kim Oakley, Director of Children's Ministries (kimo@belinumc.org; 843.357.5194).

Dates to Remember

- January 25 MS/HS 5 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- January 26 6 PM: "Pursued" Women's Bible Study (FLC)
- January 26 6 PM: United Methodist Men Meeting (FLC)
- January 27 6 PM: "Half Truths" Bible Study (Zoom)
- January 28 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- January 28 8:30 AM: Rollie Hanna Breakfast (FLC)
- January 28 9:45 AM: Morning Bible Study (FLC)
- January 29 10 AM–12 Noon: Belin Artisans & Friends (FLC)
- January 29 12 Noon-4 PM: Open Play Pickleball (FLC)

In Worship Together

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.
Our Vision: To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.
Our Journey: To connect, grow, and serve.

You're invited to **GIVE**
your weekly offerings
by scanning this QR Code.



Worship Attendance 1.18.26

The Sanctuary: 973
The Harbor: 364

Giving Week of 1.18.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 11,068
Online Giving	\$ 8,006
Cash	\$ 1,191
Total	\$ 20,265

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