



The 2nd Sunday After *Epiphany Sunday* January 18, 2026

Praise & Worship....."Mighty To Save"*
"Oceans"

Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*

Prelude.....*"Prelude of Praise"*.....*Linda Morey*

Prayer

Baptism.....*Joseph Ezra Burkett*

Kids Talk.....*Mary Kobylinski*

Worship Song....."I Will Follow"*

Old Testament Reading (Psalm 40:1-11).....*Tom Woolslayer*

Offertory/Offering.....*"Where He Leads Me"*.....*Linda Morey*

*Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

Hymn #338....."Where He Leads Me"*

New Testament Reading (John 1:29-42)

Message **They Heard, And Followed**

Responding to God's Love....."Let The Worshippers Arise"*

*Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song....."Only A God Like You"*

*Please remain standing.



Sign In With The Attendance Pad

Please sign-in using the attendance pad! We use them to keep accurate records. We appreciate your help!

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Pre-School Sunday School

This Sunday's Pre-k through 4th grade lesson, titled "A Little Man's Big Chance", will teach us that God is always ready to forgive us and will focus on Luke 19:1-10.

The Baptism of Joseph Burkett

This morning, we will be witnessing the baptism of Joseph Ezra Burkett. Joseph is the son of Denise Gross and William McGraw, grandson of Lois and Bert McLaughlin and Janet and William McGraw. He is also the God-son of Mara and David Callejas. We enthusiastically welcome Joseph into Christ's family today. Join us in congratulating Joseph on this next step!

Snowflake Tureen Dinner

On January 25 after the church service, we will have a "Snowflake" tureen dinner. Let's get together and celebrate the return of the mission team & reveal last years prayer partners. Everyone is welcome! Bring your favorite comfort food to share! Coffee, tea, hot cocoa & water will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend & have an idea of what you will bring. Questions? Speak with Judy Faulhaber or Linda Morey.

Trustee Meeting

We have an upcoming Trustee meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, see Dane Charlton.

FIT Church

C3 Church (1061 Bartlett Road) is starting a new fitness ministry. It is a weekly program to help participants grow strong in body, mind and spirit! Their meetings will include a little movement, healthy lifestyle education, accountability and spiritual growth. They will meet each Saturday at 9:15am (lasting about an hour). Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to invite others. There is no cost. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Renee Majchrzak at rmajchrzak@c3erie.church.

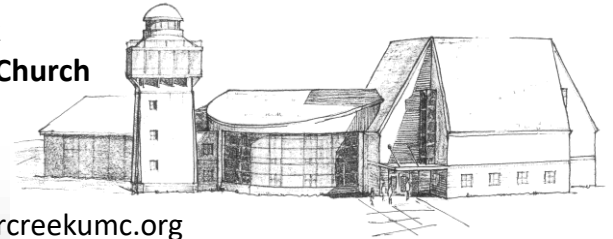
Nar-Anon Family Group

Are you affected by someone else's addiction? Nar-Anon offers hope! A new Nar-Anon Family Group, "Together We Heal" will meet at Faith Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 1-2pm, beginning on January 22, 2026. For more information, please contact lakeerie23456@gmail.com or call (814)-897-5900.

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*Welcome! If you are visiting with us today,
we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered
special here at South Harborcreek Church and we
are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will
be a meaningful time of worship for you.*

**THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE**

WORLD by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by
exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus
seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world.
God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform
social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing
the world.

We make disciples as we:

PROCLAIM the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the
body of Christ;

LEAD persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by
water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

NURTURE persons in Christian living through worship, and the
sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

SEND persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants
of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the
stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming
compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social
structures that are consistent with the gospel;

CONTINUE the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering
persons into the community of the body of Christ.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on an ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to a land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and *those* who receive it, to wash away *their* sin and clothe *them* in righteousness throughout *their* lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, *they* may share in His final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.



The Baptism of Joseph Ezra Burkett

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Joseph Ezra Burkett* for baptism.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture *this child* in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for *himself*, to profess *his* faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Members of the Household of faith - Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *him* with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in *his* trust of God, and be found faithful in *his* service to others. We will pray for *him*, that *he* may be a *true disciple* who walks in the way that leads to life.

Joseph Ezra Burkett, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Joseph you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Receive these new clothes as a token of the new life that is given in Christ Jesus. Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father in heaven.

Do you as a congregation accept the responsibility of assisting *these parents* in fulfillment of the baptismal vows, and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities for Christian nurture and fellowship?

We will, by the grace of God.

Members of the household of God, I commend *these persons* to your love and care. Will you endeavor so to live that *these children* may grow in the knowledge and love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that *these children*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, our heavenly Father, grant that *Joseph*, as *he grows*, in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit he may ever be a *true child* of thine, serving thee faithfully in *his* days. So, guide and uphold the *parents/sponsors* of *Joseph* that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead *him* into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. Amen.

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