

**Announcements for the week of January 11, 2026**

**Pastor Brosz    Cellphone# 320-455-7998**

- **READERS FOR SCRIPTURE ARE NEEDED – Please sign up**
- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 40: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9, John 1: 29-42**
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: [platochurch.com](http://platochurch.com)
- Confirmation Classes resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. John Graupmann will be doing confirmation classes while Pastor Brosz is on vacation.
- Schedule while Pastor Brosz is on vacation:  
January 11, 18, 25, and February 8 – Becky Bartholomay  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - Al Feine  
Pastor Al Fiene - Cell: 651-343-8868 email: [al@alfiene.com](mailto:al@alfiene.com)
- Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, 2026. Books close on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:** (Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)  
Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: Olive Pinske and Dennis Scharpe.  
The Haven in Norwood Young America: Mavis Schuette.  
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: Jim Jensen, Apt 2  
Orchard Estates: Donna Schmidt, Room 115  
Cokato Manor: Orville Schrupp, Rm 151  
Auburn Home, Waconia: Vee Ann Wood Rm. 311

**Please be here 30 minutes before worship:**

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Dale Graupmann  
January 18<sup>th</sup> – Lyle & Dana Engelmann  
January 25<sup>th</sup> – Sandra Frederickson and Richard Milota  
February 1<sup>st</sup> – Tim & Lisa Lepel  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – Louis & Ardeen Graupmann  
February 15<sup>th</sup> – Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – John & Amy Thomas

**Fellowship Time**

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Dale & Diane Anderson and Bob Patsy Becker  
January 25<sup>th</sup> – Phyllis Coleman and Chris Siverhus & Peg Flusemann  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – Lyle & Dana Engelmann and John & Ann Graupmann  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Milota and Sandra Frederickson, Gary & Dale Graupmann

**Communion for December/January 2026** – Dawn Prehn and Elaine Graupmann

**Communion for February** – Lisa Lepel

**Scripture Reader**

James Leith

**St. Paul’s United Church of Christ  
Plato, MN**

**Sunday January 11, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas**

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Organist: Diane Anderson**

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The Voice of God in a Great Storm. – A Psalm of David  
Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD over might waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Psalm 29

January 11, 2026                      9:00 a.m.                      *Baptism of Christ*  
*Pastor: Becky Bartholomay*                      *Organist: Diane Anderson*

*Prelude - Ringing of the Bell*  
*\*Opening Hymn: #258 “Go Tell It On The Mountain”*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*  
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\*Passing the Peace  
+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**  
**Pastor:** The powerful voice of God created all worlds. That same voice calls us to worship.  
**Congregation:** *Ascribe to our God glory and strength. Come before God’s glorious majesty.*  
**Pastor:** God’s strength shakes the wilderness. That same strength is offered to people of faith.  
**Congregation:** *The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts. May God bless all people with true peace.*  
**Pastor:** Come together to remember your baptism. Gather to celebrate the Spirit’s gifts.  
**Congregation:** *The heavens open to us at the Work of God. Surely God forgives and makes whole.*

*Hymn 151 “A Might Fortress is Our God”*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void, you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 42: 1-9, Acts 10: 34-43                      **Reader:** James Leith  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3: 13-17

**Message:** “The Gifts of Intentions”  
**Prayer Hymn #118 “His Name is Wonderful”**  
**Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)**  
**Doxology #815**

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**  
Mighty God, you have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness, and because we care about people who do not know you, people who have not shared your abundance, people who have defied your commandments, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend. Amen.

**Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**  
**Hymn: 210 “Praise To The Lord The Almighty”**

**Benediction:**

**Ringing of the Bell**