

Announcements for the week of January 18, 2026

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- **READERS FOR SCRIPTURE ARE NEEDED – Please sign up**
- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, January 25, 2026**
Isaiah 9: 1-4, Psalms 27:1 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: platochurch.com
- Schedule while Pastor Brosz is on vacation:
January 18, 25, and February 8 – Becky Bartholomay
February 1st - Al Feine
Pastor Al Fiene - Cell: 651-343-8868 email: al@alfiene.com
- Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, 2026.
- **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 18th – Lyle & Dana Engelmann
January 25th – Sandra Frederickson and Richard Milota
February 1st – Tim & Lisa Lepel
February 8th – Louis & Ardeen Graupmann
February 15th – Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann
February 22nd – John & Amy Thomas
March 1st - Mike & Elaine Graupmann

Fellowship Time

January 25th – Phyllis Coleman and Chris Siverhus & Peg Flusemann
February 8th – Lyle & Dana Engelmann and John & Ann Graupmann
February 22nd – Richard Milota and Sandra Frederickson, Gary & Dale Graupmann
March 8th - Lloyd & Sharon and Louis Graupmann

Communion for January 2026 – Dawn Prehn and Elaine Graupmann

Communion for February – Lisa Lepel

Scripture Reader

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

**Sunday January 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.**



2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

**Pastor: Brian Brosz
Organist: Diane Anderson**

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Thanksgiving for Deliverance and Prayer for Help. To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.
I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. – Psalms 40

January 18, 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!
 Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
 That Jesus Christ is born!

**Passing the Peace*
+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Call to Worship (Responsively)
Pastor: God is calling. Do you not hear?
Congregation: *God, you have searched us and know us. You discern our thoughts from far away.*
Pastor: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God’s call. Do not confuse the values of this world for God’s values.
Congregation: *You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand. You know when we lie down and where we go.*
Pastor: Your words and your deeds are known to God. You were known to God before you were born.
Congregation: *Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand. Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.*

Hymn: *541 "The Joy of the Lord"*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): We have come together, listening God, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to your servants

here in ways we can understand. We want to hear the message you intend for us. We want to listen, not because someone else needs to have it told to them, but because we ourselves are needy sinners. Your expectations of us are high and holy. We tremble before you, eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scriptures: **Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18** **Reader:**
Gospel: **Matthew 4:12-23**

Message: **"Drop the Old; Pick Up the New"**

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)
We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of your children--cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have seen you beckoning to us amid the corporate greed and social distortions of our day. We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers caught up in damaging relationships that violate your holy temple within them. We want to help, and we believe your church can be Christ’s healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of your gentle Judgement and powerful good news. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals, and groups. Amen.

Response #816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Hymn: **506 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"**

Benediction:

Ringing of the Bell