

**Announcements for the week of January 25, 2026**

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- **READERS FOR SCRIPTURE ARE NEEDED – Please sign up**
- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
**Mic 6:1-8, Ps 15, 1 Cor 1:18-31, Matt 5:1-12**
  
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: [platochurch.com](http://platochurch.com)
- Schedule while Pastor Brosz is on vacation:  
January 25, and February 8 – Becky Bartholomay  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - Al Fiene  
Pastor Al Fiene - Cell: 651-343-8868 email: [al@alfiene.com](mailto:al@alfiene.com)
  
- **Annual Meeting will be held TODAY.**
  
- **Women’s Guild will be sending out Valentine gift cards to college students. If you know of a student, please submit their name and address to a Women’s Guild Member. ♥**
  
- **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 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  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - Mike & Elaine Graupmann  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Dawn Prehn

**Fellowship Time**

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  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - Lloyd & Sharon and Louis Graupmann

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

**Communion for February – Lisa Lepel**

**Scripture Reader**

Peg Flusemann

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

**Sunday January 25, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**



**3rd Sunday After the Epiphany**

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

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*One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in this temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.*  
-Psalms 27

January 25, 2026                      9:00 a.m.                      *Third Sunday after Epiphany*  
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:** For God alone our souls wait in silence. Our hop is from God, our fortress.  
**Congregation:** *God is our rock and our salvation. God is our refuge and our deliverance.*  
**Pastor:** Trust in God at all times, in all places. Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.  
**Congregation:** *All people are valuable in God’s sight. No one is more important than another.*  
**Pastor:** Worship God, who is ready to speak to us. Open your lives to God’s steadfast love.  
**Congregation:** *All power in the universe belongs to God. Yet God depends on our faithful service.*

**Hymn:**                      *#415 “We Are Called to be God’s People”*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** We await your message, God of all places and times. Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to people with whom we seem to have little in common. Speak your truth to us in this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon***

**Scriptures:**                      Psalms 27:1-9                      **Reader:** Peg Flusemann  
**Gospel:**                      Matthew 4:12-17

**Message:**                      “Shall We Dance?”

**Prayer Hymn:**                      **#426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**  
Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**

God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people--for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

**Response**                      **#816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**Hymn:**                      **#602 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**Benediction:**

**Ringing of the Bell**