

Order of Worship for January 11, 2026

Prelude "There's Something About That Name"
 by Gloria and William J. Gaither

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We welcome the Anointed One, who brings peace.

He is God's chosen one, who calls us each by name.

With joy we greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.

Come and see—the Lord is here!

God makes our hearts glad by his wonderful grace.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and Spirit, shine with the radiance of his glory, so that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed by people everywhere, even to the ends of the earth, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you. We confess that we do not always live out this calling; we do not always use the gifts you have given us for your glory. At times we have passed by opportunities to offer kindness, rather than showing love to our neighbors. We shy away from speaking about your good news. Forgive us, Lord. Transform us by your Spirit, so that our words may bless those who hear us and our deeds will be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus, who gives us new life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 11:27 - 12:9

New Testament Hebrews 11:1 - 16

Sermon "The Faith of Abraham and Sarah"

Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA), 1983

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Gathering the Collection "Come and Sing Praises"

 by Greg Massanari and Morris Chapman

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, how precious are your thoughts! In wisdom, you teach us your way and call us to follow you. Help us to trust you in all things. Then we will be at peace, knowing that you do what is best. May these gifts advance your good news and peace in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Postlude "Piano Study 3" by Edward Heller

Benediction



FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 11 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream and stay for refreshments.

Board Game Café 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us for this intergenerational pizza dinner and games night.

Monday, Jan. 12 **Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, Jan. 13 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the church Parlor or via Zoom for Chapter 1 in the book *Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit* by Eugenia Gamble.

Tots Time 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tots and caregivers enjoy conversation, play time and snacks.

Saturday, Jan. 17 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

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Seed Workshop 11:00 a.m. – noon

Register by emailing Diana Fiske at trughouse@comcast.net.

Please bring \$5 for materials and a plastic gallon milk or water jug.

NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 18, right after worship at 11:00 a.m.

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