

# The Second Sunday after Epiphany

## New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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*“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”*

January 18, 2026

**8:00 a.m. In Person Worship – Sanctuary**

**10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary**

## **Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!**

Dr. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ tells this story of a famous oil field called Yates Pool:

During the depression this field was a sheep ranch owned by a man named Yates. Mr. Yates wasn't able to make enough on his ranching operation to pay the principal and interest on the mortgage, so he was in danger of losing his ranch. With little money for clothes or food, his family (like many others) had to live on government subsidy.

Day after day, as he grazed his sheep over those rolling West Texas hills, he was no doubt greatly troubled about how he would pay his bills. Then a seismographic crew from an oil company came into the area and told him there might be oil on his land.

They asked permission to drill a wildcat well, and he signed a lease contract.

At 1,115 feet they struck a huge oil reserve. The first well came in at 80,000 barrels a day. Many subsequent wells were more than twice as large. In fact, 30 years after the discovery, a government test of one of the wells showed it still had the potential flow of 125,000 barrels of oil a day.

And Mr. Yates owned it all. The day he purchased the land he had received the oil and mineral rights. Yet, he'd been living on relief. A multimillionaire living in poverty. The problem? He didn't know the oil was there even though he owned it.

Many Christians live in spiritual poverty. They are entitled to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and his energizing power, but they are not aware of their birthright.

## **We Praise and Confess**

***The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.***

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

from Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness  
to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn: No. 366

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** - Hyfrydol

\*Greeting

To those who are called, who are beloved in God,  
kept safe for Jesus Christ,  
and sealed in the Holy Spirit:  
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.  
**Amen!**

Invitation to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

**in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Declaration of Pardon

John 3:16-17, NSRV

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.  
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him."

\*Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

\*Praise:

**Think About His Love** - Harrah

### **Chorus**

Think about His love  
Think about His goodness  
Think about His grace  
That's brought us through  
For as high as the heavens above  
So great is the measure  
Of our Father's love  
Great is the measure  
Of our Father's love

### **Verse 1**

How could I forget His love  
How could I forget His mercy  
He satisfies He satisfies  
He satisfies my desires [to Chorus]

### **Verse 2**

Even when I strayed away  
His love has sought me out  
And found me  
He satisfies He satisfies  
He satisfies my desires

\*Collect

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

## ***We Hear and Respond***

From the Prophets

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says:  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

"Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."<sup>1</sup>

The Word of the Lord, the Light of the World.

**Thanks be to God!**

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul

Colossians 5:22-25

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.<sup>2</sup>

The Word of the Lord, the Light of the World.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Hymn: No. 282

**Come Down, O Love Divine** – Down Ampney

\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:29-42

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Is 49:1–7.

<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ga 5:22–25.

Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). <sup>3</sup>

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

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<sup>3</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
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.  
Amen.**

Ordination of Deacons\* and Elder\* and Installation of Consistory

Deacons:

Janet Weikel\*  
Stacie Miller\*  
Terry Dworkin  
Amy Hangey  
Peter Hemperly  
Gene Basara  
Randy Peterson

Elders:

Cindy Roma\*  
Steve Lentz  
Will Howe  
Donna Fried  
Thomas Bancroft  
Denise Fox

Trustees:

Ted Kutt  
Frank Eidle  
Bruce Adam

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr Williams – "PD"

**L O V E!**

Welcome and Announcement

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by  
scanning the QR code with your camera



## Offertory

\*Offertory Response: No. 606

***The Doxology***

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Dismissal Hymn: No. 833

***O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*** – St. Margaret

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .  
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus  
with all people!***

\*Dismissal with Blessing

## Postlude

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## JANUARY 18, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers

Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist

Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita

Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor

Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support

Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation

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**WELCOME VISITORS** ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

**WiFi PASSWORD:** Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available for pickup. They are located in the back of the Sanctuary.

**BINGO PRIZES:** Each month, Women's Fellowship collects small items for specific needs within our Christian community. We currently are accepting donations of small items for bingo prizes for Pennsbury Manor. There is a container in the Social Room for your contributions. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

**LOST RING:** A gold, men's ring with a large, black coral stone framed by diamond chips has been lost. There is a reward for finding the ring. If found, please return it to the Church Office. Thank you!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Although the "Season of Giving" has seemingly passed, there's SNOW time like the present to give blood! Please consider signing up for our next Blood Drive on Monday, February 2nd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667, #2 and use code E064 or online at:

[https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/89809](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89809)

Thank you from the Health and Welfare Committee!

**MORE VOLUNTEERS** are being sought for funeral luncheons. If you'd like to be added to the list, please call, text, or email Donna Yorkey at 215-679-7179 or DYorkey@icloud.com.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

***The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.***

## **OUTDOOR MINISTRIES FUND**

**In memory of Susan Harpel**

by Rick & Luci Jabs and Traci Jabs Hernandez

**CARE PACKAGES:** During the month of January items will be collected by the Health & Welfare Committee to create care packages for our young adult members attending college and in the military. Donation boxes will be in the Social Room and on the stage in the Fellowship Hall from Sunday, January 4 through Sunday, January 25 if you would like to contribute. Suggested items include pens, post-it notes, small office supplies, granola bars, candy, gum, mints and individually packaged snacks. Please note: College students are asked to provide a current mailing address to the Church Office by Friday, January 23, 2026, in order to receive a care package. Contact Cindy Roma at [croma1014@gmail.com](mailto:croma1014@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this project.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT, Sunday, February 1, 3:00 p.m.:** Let the games begin in Fellowship Hall!! Game Night returns with laughter and joy in the room. Pastor Dave will be teaching "Farmers Rummy [Ohio Rules, ask Janet Weikel about PA rules] and Spades Rule! There will be other games that you may bring to share for the afternoon/evening! Pastor Dave will be making Chicken Noodle Soup [homemade] with warm bread. There will also be Birthday Cake as PD turns 62 that week! Join us!

**SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE:** Order delicious hoagies from the Youth Group and pick-up on **Sunday, February 8th** in Fellowship Hall just in time for your Super Bowl celebrations! Order forms are located on the youth group bulletin board, in the Social Room, outside the Church Office and in the Fellowship Hall vestibule entry. Choose from a 12-inch Italian or ham for \$12.00 each or turkey for \$13.00. Sweet and/or hot pepper cups are available for \$1 each. The deadline for orders will be February 1st. Proceeds will help benefit the ongoing youth group activities. Thanks for your support! Hoagies are being made by Tosco's.

**BULLETINS** are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Tom & Elizabeth Graber; and in loving memory of departed loved ones by Ray Eppler.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Edith Miller and family; and in memory of parents by daughter, Nancy Harvey.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left)** are presented in loving memory of Darcy Sheaffer on our wedding anniversary and in loving memory of the passing of brother, Bruce Wahl, and Richard Sheaffer by Linda (Wahl) Sheaffer.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right)** are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Lucille Weaver.

**THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT** are presented in memory of Patricia Mack by Bob, Deb & Bill, Doreen & Marshall, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**ATTENDANCE:** **01/11/26** – 8:00 a.m. 36; 10:30 a.m. 44; Livestream 62; Sunday School 51.

**OPERATING INCOME 01/11/26:** Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,181; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$118.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$12,731.13
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$12,731.13
Year to Date Expenses	\$24,432.63
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$0.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$0.00

**SCOUTING NEWS:** **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11 to 18 year olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178. **Check out their new Fundraisers—signup sheets are located on the bulletin board near the elevator entrance. Help support the Scout troop!**

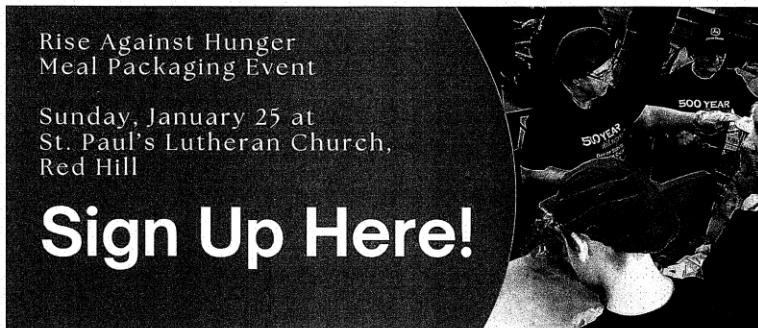
## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Consistory Installation
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting (Pastor Dave's office)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Heidelberg, Apostles', 4 <sup>th</sup> grade classrooms)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Wreaths Across America-wreaths removed from Cemetery
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Bowling (Earl Bowl, Quakertown)

### Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Bruce Adam Roberts' Church Office: Gene Basara Elevator: Will Howe Upper Narthex: Ben Fox Liturgist/Acolyte: Donna Fried
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Cindy Roma Roberts' Church Office: TBD Elevator: Theodore Kutt Upper Narthex: Thomas Bancroft Liturgist/Acolyte: Steve Lentz

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKAGING EVENT:** Sunday, January 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill. If you are interested in helping, please select one of the time slots below and see Rev. Williams to sign up.



Rise Against Hunger  
Meal Packaging Event

Sunday, January 25 at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
Red Hill

# Sign Up Here!

Shift	Name	Contact Email/ Phone Number
Set Up Shift 12 Noon - 1:30 PM <i>Heavy lifting required.</i>	1.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Meal Packaging Shift 1:30-2:45 PM	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meal Packaging Shift 3:15 -4:30 PM	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	

*This service event is hosted by the Reformation Sister Congregations  
in the Upper Perkiomen Valley*

## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

## CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

TEXT: Bianco da Siena, c. 1367; trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867, alt.  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

DOWN AMPNEY  
6.6.11.D

**606** Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt.  
MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt.

ST. MARGARET  
8.8.8.6