

First United Methodist Church

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December 28, 2025 — January 3, 2026

"1st Sunday After Christmas Day"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Connie Kelsey

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/29) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/30)

Wednesday (12/31)

Thursday (1/1) Office Closed—New Year's Day / Watch Night

Friday (1/2)

Saturday (1/3)

January 4, 2026 — January 10, 2026

"Epiphany Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Monday (1/5) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (1/6) United Women in Faith 1 PM

Wednesday (1/7)

Thursday (1/8) Education 10 AM

Friday (1/9)

Saturday (1/10)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/28/25 Isa 63:7-9; Ps 148; Heb 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23

1/4/26 Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, Ted & Louise Burson, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Lynn La Rose, Katie Putnam, Rita Salter, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, church ministries, unspoken requests, our nation and world leaders.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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SIGNS AND POWER



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



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WORSHIP11AM

PRELUDE:O Come, All Ye Faithful (Pipe Organ)

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 148

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2011 (v. 1,2,4)

We Sing of Your Glory

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: When Jesus was born there were angels singing, shepherds visiting, and magi bearing gifts and worshipping. After such a glorious start, could anything go wrong?
P: Almost immediately, even as a baby, trouble and evil were present. Jesus and his parents fled to Egypt to protect our Lord from the jealous Herod, who sought to murder Him to eliminate one he thought was a rival for his throne.
L: Throughout His ministry, those in power sought to quiet our Lord, found fault with His messages, and eventually, had Him crucified.
P: In His three years of ministry, Jesus faced more misery, more trouble, and more danger than most people have had to face in a lifetime. After such a glorious start, it would seem that everything went wrong for Him!
L: But praise God! Jesus, murdered by those who did not understand just what they were really doing, did not remain in the grave! He came to fulfill a specific purpose, to redeem those who would believe in Him and follow Him. In this He is successful!
P: Come, let us praise the Savior given to us as a gift, free to us but unimaginably costly to the One who loves us so much! Let us come to Him, love Him, and follow Him always!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 96

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

*APOSTLES’ CREED

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

YOUTH TIME—NOISY OFFERING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS 2100 (v. 1,2,4,5)

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

*GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON:Signs and Power

PRAYER TIMESharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN:

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. (2x)
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

Cradle Song

arr. Esther S. Higgins

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158

Cyndi & Pastor B.J.

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 246

Joy to the World

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN: (front cover of hymnal)

Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE:

Festival

by Benton Price

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

December Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Community Ministry

GCCM is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish. These goals are accomplished by mission trips, Bible studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries.

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE