



First Congregational Church of Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Rev. Dave Hawley

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

WELCOME

The chimes call us to a time of worship

Greeting

Liturgist

- Moment of Information

Prelude

"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" - Kirkpatrick/McDonald

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Introit

Leader:

Congregation:

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,
who made heaven and earth.

As we have gathered here to worship,
let us stand and greet one another in the
love of Christ.

(Please stand.)

* Gathering Song "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

*Opening Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be" # 466

Take My Life and Let It Be 466

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
 MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

HENDON
 7.7.7.7.7.

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

God of Mutuality, we long to be in right relationship. We yearn to honor the interdependence of our human, animal, plant, and mineral siblings. We are tired of legalism, perfectionism, and the selfishness of “personal salvation.” We long to thrive together—for Compassionate Relationship to be the law of the land. Join our dream, Living God. Loosen our hearts for the determined work of Love. Amen.

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”/“Pachelbel’s Canon” - arr. Shafferman

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children’s Message

Wendy Brown

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer w/ Lord’s Prayer (using debts/debtors)

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

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⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

***Hymn of Preparation**

"Renew Your Church" vs. 1-2 #462

(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Renew Your Church

G D F# G D7 A G D F# G C G Am C

1 Re - new your church, our min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
 2 Teach us your Word, re - veal its truth di - vine, on our path
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near, your still voice
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,

G D G D F# G D7 A G D F# G C

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
 let it shine; tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace,
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you,
 hu - man-kind; break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate,

G C G D G G B D7 A G

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
 from each page show your face. As you have loved us,
 this the goal we pur - sue. Be - fore your pres - ence
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

D7 A G D G G B G D D C

of the night, where greed and ha - treds spread their blight, O
 sent your Son, and our sal - va - tion now is won, O
 keep us still that we may find for us your will, and
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O

G B D A G D G Am C G D D G

send us forth with power en - dued, help us, Lord, be re - newed.
 let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know your Word.
 seek your guid - ance ev - ery day, teach us, Lord, how to pray.
 share your grace from heaven a - bove, teach us, Lord, how to love.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

"Gifts That Keep on Giving: The Gift of Public Witness"

- Rev. Daniel Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

Scherzo/Toccata on "*Come, Thou Fount*" - Wyeth/Steffen

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Bless those who guard the Holy Wisdom of forests, who tune into the intelligence of root systems and rest in the light shimmering through canopies. Bless those who shield sweet interdependence from the violence of domination, for they are the salt of the earth. Bless our offerings to Love Woven Together, a blanket of protection and care. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Renew Your Church” vs. 3-4 #462
(words and music on page 7)

***Benediction**

***Congregation Response**

**“Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.”**

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Postlude

“Sing Praise to God” - Paxton

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Scott Newcomer, Diana Fiocca, Ann Hagan
Liturgist:	Dave Hawley
Ushers:	Scouts
Greeters:	Scouts

Today's Altar Flowers are provided by: Carol Kroah

"In Memory of Bob Kroah and parents, Max and Irene Kroah."

We thank our Scouts for participating in worship today!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2026

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. We will target our Collection for March 15, 2026.



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THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723. *Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm*

Brad Ashley
Noreen Ashley
Tim Ashley
The Becking Family
Katie Ann Bickett
Margarete Boschert
Jim Brown
Patti Calvarese
Sue Canavan
Jim Caplinger
Patty Conely
Rylin Davis and family
Sean and Sara Doty
Elaine Engle
Debbie Fickes
Karen Ford

Darrell Goodson
Eleanor Hall
Alleen Hilbish
Jim Jackson
John James
Nancy Johnson
Anita Kelly-Lahrmer
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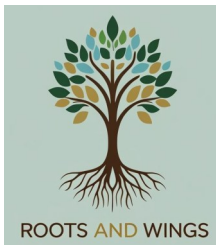
WINTER BOOK STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 12PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 FCC Book Study will be a study of the book "Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe" by Ronald Allen and Robert Cornwall. Bring a lunch and bring a friend!



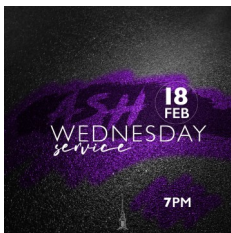
WINTER BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 1PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 Bible Study will continue it's study of the Christian Scriptures in chronological order. The study will commence on Wednesday, January 14, and begin with 2 Corinthians. We will then go to James and finish with Colossians. See you there!



ROOTS AND WINGS | SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 4 PM

Roots and Wings is a fellowship group for grandparents and grandchildren to grow in faith and friendship together. This month's activity is a service project.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 7 PM

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Begin your Lenten journey with you FCC Family at this special service, including the imposition of ashes.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MARCH LUNCH—PIZZA AND BUNCO

THURSDAY, MAR. 5, 12 PM

All women are invited to join us on the first Thursday in March, March 5th, at 12 PM in the fellowship hall for a pizza lunch and Bunco. Please bring a \$5 donation per person to help defray the cost of the pizza. Never played Bunco before? No worries—you'll pick it up fast and have a blast! **Sign up in the atrium** before or after church on Sundays: **2/15, 2/22, and 3/1.**

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*
Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*
Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

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