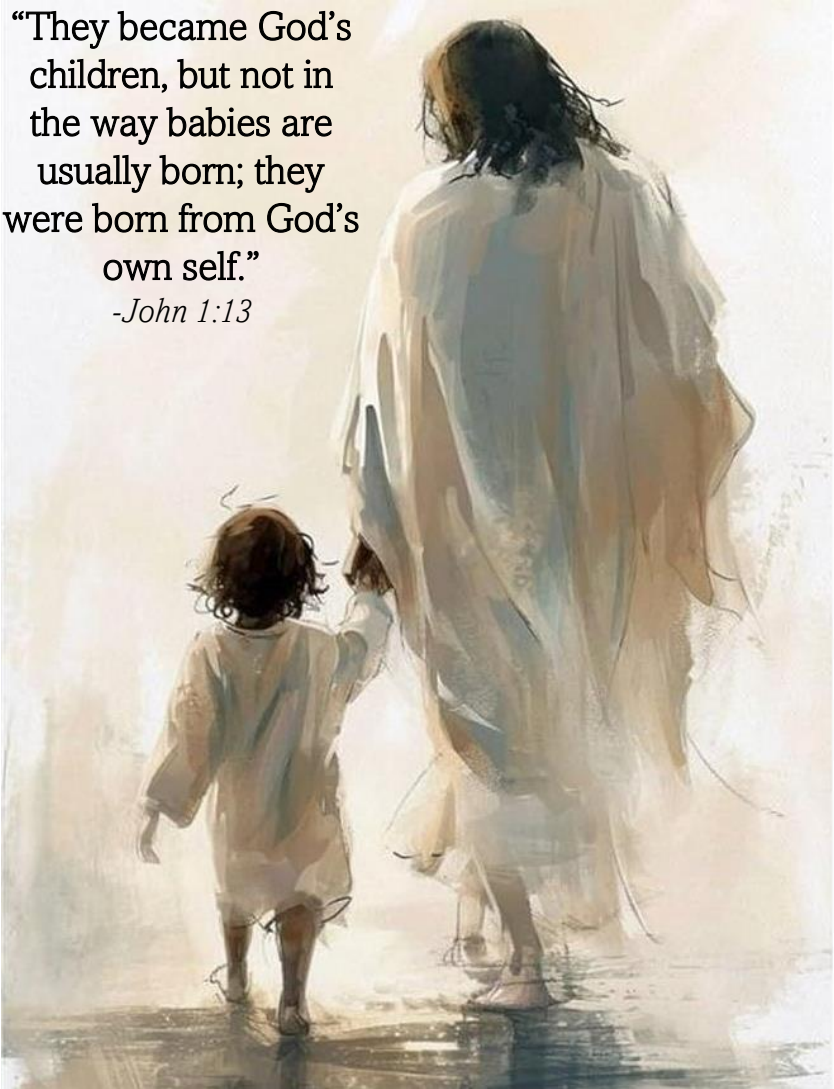


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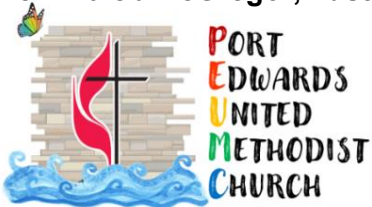
# FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

“They became God’s children, but not in the way babies are usually born; they were born from God’s own self.”

*-John 1:13*



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UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal      TFWS – The Faith We Sing

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*(1) The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME  
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

†\*HYMNS OF PRAISE:      *Good Christian Friends*      UMH 224  
   *There's a Song in the Air*      UMH 249

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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*(2) We listen to what God is saying to us!*

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

SCRIPTURE      † Psalm 100 (sung) / John 1:6-18      ("My Life Is In You")

THE MESSAGE: **GOD MOVES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

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*(3) We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†\*HYMNS OF RESPONSE: *Ding, Dong, Merrily on High*  
*Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella / I Saw Three Ships*

**BLESSING OUR NEWBORN SAINTS**

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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*(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE & A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ending with †The Prayer of Jesus

†\*HYMN OF MISSION:      *Auld Lang Syne*      screen

\*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

†\*A MUSICAL BLESSING: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

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## Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout December:

**Ashley Miller / Phil Oliver / Natalee Haddow / Mark Lokken / Kari LaBarge /  
Dennis & LuAnn Slattery / Carson Parks / Nancy Hansen / Revs. Caleb & Doug**

**Our Homebound:** Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

**Our Children:** Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

**Our Infirm At Home:** Joann & Peter K.; Maribeth L-S.

**Our College Students:** Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

**From 11/23:** Prayers for **those in Bangladesh** where an earthquake has claimed at least 10 lives (Audrey)

**From 11/30:** Prayers for the family of **Damon Klinger's mother** (not Donna's mother as mentioned) (Lucy). Prayers for my friend, **Beth**, who had shoulder replacement surgery and lost her mother all on the same day (Lori H.) JOY: the piles of boots, wet mittens, gloves and socks, as well as jackets and stocking caps on the floor by the back door (Sue M.)

**From 12/7:** Prayer for the **family of John Potter**, who passed away recently (Mike H.); prayers **Kathy Mc.'s sister, Donna**, and her **mother, Donna K.**, who have both been very sick lately (Kathy Mc.)

**From 12/14:** Prayers for **my dad, Dennis**, who suffered a stroke a couple weeks back, he's doing well but prayers would be appreciated (Mat F.); prayers for **Rachel L.'s mother** who is in last stages of bone/lung cancer and her family during this most difficult time (Chuck L.); prayers for **Maribeth L-S.**, who underwent the Watchman procedure and is back at home, recouping (Pastor).

**From 12/21:** Prayers for **my brother-in-law, Bill**, who had a liver transplant and is having problems (Rose).

## Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

**Monday** (12/29): 2 Kings 1:7-8

**Tuesday** (12/30): Malachi 4:5-6

**Wednesday** (12/31): Luke 3:1-18

**Thursday** (1/1): Matthew 3:13-17

**Friday** (1/2): Matthew 4:1-11

**Saturday** (1/3): Matthew 4:12-17

**Sunday** (1/4): John 1:19-34

### *January Mission Project:*

Fund the purchase of wooden crosses & hearts  
for Riverview Hospital waiting rooms.

### **Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:**

# THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- *Prayer theme:* Pray for the indigenous people being targeted by ICE. Pray for all who are lonely or neglected this season.
- *Consider:* What does it mean to you that God chose to come close – real, human, incarnate? Where do you see God 'living' in your neighborhood or community?
- *Action:* Reach out to someone who does not have family close by.

## Sunday Services – 10a

### TODAY - December 28<sup>th</sup>

Script.: John 1, *John Tells About the Light*

First Sunday of Christmas

Newborn Saints Sunday

### January 11<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: John 1, *Jesus & His Disciples*

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

PACKING OF THE GREENS

& Packers -n- Potatoes.

*after the service*

### January 4<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: John 1, *The Lamb of God*

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: John 2, *Wedding & Temple*

## Looking Ahead

### YEAR-END GIVING

Last day for 2025 electronic/online giving was last Friday.

Last day for 2025 non-electronic offerings: **THIS TUESDAY (12/30)**

Financial Secretary, *wherever authorized*,

will adjust online giving amounts at that time. **Please let Bill P. know!**

### Winter Weather Policy

Office is closed on days that the P.E. school district has a snow day.

No in-person worship whenever wind-chill reaches -40,  
taking into consideration road conditions and visibility.

Whenever possible, the service will still be live-streamed on YouTube.

### *January Mission Project:*

You may have seen, in other hospital waiting rooms, baskets of knitted crosses, squares, or other items. These are to be taken by patients' friends & families as comforting items. We'd like to stock the various waiting rooms at Riverview Hospital in Rapids with wooden crosses & hearts (which we will paint and decorate later) on behalf of  
*"your friends at Port Edwards United Methodist Church."*