

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
1st Sunday after Christmas: December 28, 2025



The mission of the RC-UMC, as a community of faith, is to share the Gospel and to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**This mark invites those who are able to please stand.
If you have a prayer concern or a joy to share, please write in on the buff-colored paper in the pew and place in the offering plate. Thank you.*

PRELUDE **In dulci Jubilo** *J.S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of salvation who put their trust in you, we seek your presence here. Recreate us in your own image so we may be true to your intentions for us and in tune with your purposes for our life together. In our times of distress, pour out your compassion and your love that we may know we are not alone. Lift us up and carry us when our strength fails. During this time of worship, we would praise you and honor you. May our worship be pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* **246**

A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS AND PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.
P: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.

L: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, and to live.

P: God is truly with us.

L: Remember that God is on our side.

P: God calls us into community with one another. Let us praise the Lord!

HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **218**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

We thank you, O Lord that you are with us, and for us. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you. May we all grow up together into him who is the head of our church, the Savior of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Beth Huebner*

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with us, let us share that same peace with one another.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Let us offer signs of peace and love with one another

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS *All Sing*
May the Lord, our great creator, bless you this day; give you peace and hope and courage along your way. May you stay within God's keeping in your waking, in your sleeping, in your joy, and in your weeping, God be with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER **895**

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

As people of God, let us offer the fruit of our labors and ourselves for God's work in the world.

Offertory: **Lovely Child** *arr. Johson*
***Doxology** **95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal to us your Word in the language of our hearts. Open our lives to the possibility of transformation, as we encounter once again God-With-Us, Emmanuel; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 2:13-23**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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MESSAGE *Pastor Grace Cho*

***BENEDICTION**

We go now in peace. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen!**

***CLOSING HYMN**

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: **How Shall I Receive Thee** *Piet Post*

Hymn Leaders: David Brock, Connie Frye,
Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus

Liturgist: Beth Huebner

Organist: Shirley Steiner

Scripture Reader: Kathy Schweinefus

Sound System: Paul Knowler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Rosie Steinmetz

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Scripture Reader:	Liturgist:
Jan. 04 th Connie Frye	Connie Dunn
Jan. 11 th Bonnie Richardson	Bonnie Richardson
Jan. 18 th Russ Shannon	Russ Shannon
Jan. 25 th Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey

Prayer: Faithful God, help me to release what I no longer need to carry and the strength to bear the challenges that are ahead. Amen.

This Week's Events:

28 **Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**
 Sunday school: 10:45 a.m.

01 Happy New Year 2026
 The office will be closed.
 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
 Potluck will follow the class

Upcoming Events:

04 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday school: 10:45 a.m.

06 Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m. – Library

07 Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.

08 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
 Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. – Quail Run



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST
Many thanks to Kathy Bastian for
hosting coffee hour today.



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December Birthdays		December Anniversaries	
Paul Turgasen	12/26	Fuzz & Nancy McCauley	12/30
Carrie Richardson	12/29		
Tom Richardson	12/29		
Aiden Ewing	12/31		
Destiny Shannon	12/31		
James Steinmetz	12/31		
Lee Steinmetz	12/31		
Dennis Tracy	12/31		



January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
Brady Joyce	1/1	Al & Jeannie Baker	1/29
Juliette Hall	1/2	Al & Deb Walling	1/29
Nancy Pulvermacher	1/2		
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3		
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3		
Megan Goodyear	1/4		
Kathy Bastian	1/9		
Bernie Couey (102)	1/9		
Timothy Otto	1/10		



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