

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
**February 1 ,2026 10:00am**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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PRELUDE	MEDITATION*	CHURCH BELL
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Choir

\*OPENING HYMN: # 458 Rise Up, O Men of God

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?

**All: With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.**

One: How shall we live our faith?

**All: With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

**Holy God,**

**When we join those who have praised you over the centuries,  
we remember how our actions matter.**

**Thank you for the delight of coming together to honor you with our  
voices, our gifts and our decisions to walk as disciples of Jesus, the  
Christ.**

**Accept our praise, and renew in us the capacity to act out our  
willingness to love you and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.  
AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #401 The Beatitudes

SCRIPTURE LESSON: New Testament 1st Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings

Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Adoration

Community Prayer

**Holy God, you are the giver of blessings. Give us eyes to see you at work  
among us. Move our hands and feet to be a blessing in our community.  
Open our hearts and mouths to hear your word and speak your truth so  
all can know of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen**

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving

Doxology

Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these  
gifts we give today. May they be used to bring about justice and joy for  
those who need them most. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: # 64 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ( vs 1&5)

\*BENEDICTION:

May the blessings Jesus spoke on the mount rest upon you. May you be  
humble, find comfort in sorrow, pursue righteousness, and offer mercy. May  
your heart be pure, your actions bring peace, and your courage endure when  
facing hardship. Go in the peace of the One who calls you blessed. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

**\* Denotes that all who are able should stand**

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Association.**

## Looking ahead at February 2026 calendar

Sunday February 1  
10am Worship  
11:05 am Congregational Annual Meeting

Tuesday February 3  
9-10am Tai Chi

Wednesday February 4  
11am-1pm Spirit Bible Study

Thursday February 5  
5:30pm Choir Practice

Friday February 6  
10am-2pm OCC Crafting

Sunday February 8  
10am Worship and Communion  
10am Youth Sunday School  
11am Pot Luck

### Prayer Concerns

Lori Haley, hospice  
Daniel Hays  
Torin, autism  
Elizabeth Josphe  
Morgan Haley  
Viveca Person, Agneta's sister  
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister  
Morton Zimmerman  
Cindy Ovokaitys  
Allen Miles  
Oscar, Brain tumor  
Those dealing with loss

## *Welcome to the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN*

**Matthew 5:1-12**



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