

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Coffee Hi  
4:30 pm Confirmation II  
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, February 4

5:30 pm LAF  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Cabinet Meeting  
11:30 am Coffee HI  
4:30 pm Confirmation II  
6:30 pm Confirmation I

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano  
Alexis Meyer - Choir, Alto  
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor  
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery  
Tommy Gress - Organ

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

226 E. Main St.; Vermillion, SD 57069www.uccvermillion.org605-624-3120

Worship at 10:30 am



Children are always welcome in our worship, but nursery care is also available downstairs.  
Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

“\*” Please stand if you are able. Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL

February 1, 2026

PRELUDE “Fuga IV” Feroci

WELCOME  
Friendship Pads  
Announcements  
Joys and Concerns  
Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT “I Come with Joy” 349, v 1  
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free. The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

CALL TO WORSHIP  
O God, who may dwell in your tent? Who may live on your holy hill?  
Those who walk with integrity, who do what is right, and speak truth from the heart.  
Those who do not harm their neighbors, or take up reproach against others.  
Those who honor what is good, who keep their promises, who live with justice.

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These are the ones who stand in God’s presence.  
We come to worship with open hearts and honest lives.

\*HYMN                      “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”                      42

\*INVOCATION  
Holy God, you call us into a way of life that is simple, and not easy. A way of love that challenges our instincts, and wisdom that unsettles our certainty. Open us to the strange beauty of Jesus’ path so that we might learn again what truly matters, and who we are becoming.  
Amen.

SCRIPTURE                      1 Corinthians 1:18–31

MUSIC TO INSPIRE                      “Be Not Afraid”                      Dufford  
Paul Ebsen, guitar  
Tommy Gress, organ

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 5:1–12

MEDITATION

HYMN OF MEDITATION                      “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”                      179

A TIME FOR PRAYER  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
The world teaches us to value what is powerful. Jesus teaches us to value what is loving. We give today as an act of trust that generosity matters, community heals, and that small acts of faith still shape the world.

OFFERTORY                      “Adagio”                      Mendelssohn

*\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
God of grace, receive these gifts as signs of hope in a world where love is stronger than fear and mercy is wiser than power. Use what we offer to build compassion, justice, and peace, in us and through us. Amen.

COMMUNION  
Hymn of Preparation                      “As We Gather at Your Table”                      332  
Story from Tradition & Blessing  
Distribution of Elements  
Meditation Music

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
God of love, we give you thanks for Jesus, who chose humility over power, mercy over dominance, and relationship over control. We remember a life poured out for others and a love that refuses to let go. May we go from this table nourished in courage and emboldened in compassion. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN                      “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”                      563

\*BENEDICTION  
Go now in the way of Jesus, a way that may not impress the world, but heals it. Go to live gently, love boldly, and trust that grace is enough. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit go with you always.  
Amen.

POSTLUDE                      “Fuga V”                      Feroci

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USHERS: Kari Jensen, Jama Christopherson, Mike and Kathy Carlson  
DEACON OF THE DAY: Connie Nelsen  
COFFEE HI:  
NURSERY: Wuestwald Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE

The LAF students are throwing down a challenge—who can collect the most soup (and monetary donations) for the Food Pantry? Team LAF vs Team Worship! The competition wraps up on Monday, February 10, so bring your **cans and cash** to help stock the shelves! This is one of the Food Pantry's most crucial drives of the winter, and every donation makes a big difference for our community. **Let's make it a soup-er success!**

### 2026 COFFEE HI AND OTHER 2026 LISTS

The 2026 **Coffee HI and acolyte sign ups** are posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thanks to those who have already signed up! We hope you will find a date that works for you to host and share some treats. The **2026 Acolyte** sign up is posted as well. You can also call the church office (605-624-3120) or email us ([uccv@uccvermillion.org](mailto:uccv@uccvermillion.org)) with a date that works for you. On days we don't have hosts, coffee will be available.

### 2026 USHERS

As we look ahead to 2026, we're inviting you to join our usher team and help **make our Sunday services welcoming and meaningful** for all. We're asking for volunteers to usher just one Sunday a month—a small commitment that makes a big impact! Contact the church office for more information.

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

