



January 4, 2026

*We aren't called to make God love us, we are called  
to believe He already does.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
WELCOME GREETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosie Michael  
Pastor Karen Griswold  
Kathy Etgen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.  
**PEOPLE:** And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth,  
**PEOPLE:** And thick darkness the peoples;  
Leader: But the Lord will arise upon you,  
**PEOPLE:** And his glory will appear over you.  
Leader: Nations shall come to your light.  
**ALL:** And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

\*RINGING of the BELL

\*HYMN "We Three Kings" #288

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS "There's Something About That Name" #83

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT Scott Griswold

PASTORAL PRAYER  
SILENT MEDITATION  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Come, Share the Lord" #462

SCRIPTURE Palm 72:1-7 & 11-14 & Matthew 2 :1-12 (NIV) Kathy Etgen  
TODAY'S MESSAGE "Risky Business" Pastor Karen Griswold

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome

\*HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain" #258

\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.*

<b>TODAY</b>	Finance Team Meeting after Church
<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Tuesday Mornings – Prayer & scripture review
	<b>6:00 pm</b> Church Board Meeting – all are welcome
<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Pastoral Relations Meeting
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Consider This - discussion will start back up for 2026
<b>Jan 18</b>	Education Team meeting after Church
<b>Jan 19</b>	February Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen

- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS



Vicki Lingrell	Don Moffitt	Marcus Taylor	Renay Fullerton	Lauretta McClain	Joy Plank
Tony Grant	Virginia Gregg	Ruth Murphy	Janice Stout	Jane Saltzman	
Kim Hoberty	Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	Katie Tezak	Gabriel Nelson	
Our Confirmands		Our nursing home residents & shut-ins		Our service men & women	

**Serving Today**

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Julie Wilcox	Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Scott Griswold	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Scott Griswold	Videotaping: Bec Smith

**Serving Next Week (Jan 11, 2026)**

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Michelle & Makayla Moffitt	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader:	Youth Message: Bill Warner	Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Julie Wilcox	Videotaping: Bec Smith