

# Today's Worship

## January 18, 2026

## GATHERING

# WELCOME

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**\*SONG      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

All

**\*SONG** **Build My Life**

All

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:

**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

## PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

**\*SONG** You Are My Hiding Place/Amazing Grace

McEver Singers

## THE WORD

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### Matthew 7:24-27 (MSG)

<sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

## PRAYER

**SERMON                    “Why We Need a Rule of Life ”**

Pastor Tyler

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What rhythms or habits are currently shaping your life—for better or worse?
2. Who do you sense you are becoming through those habits?
3. How might a Rule of Life be an act of grace rather than restriction?

## GIVING OPPORTUNITY

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## DOXOLOGY

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**\*SONG**                      **Lord, I Need You**

All

## BENEDICTION

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**Leader:** God invites us to take our everyday, ordinary life and place it before God as an offering.

**People: We will not take for granted how our lives are being shaped and intentionally choose the way of Jesus so that we can better *Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. Amen!***

## Notes & Take Aways

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# Announcements and Events

## “A Disciple’s Path: Membership Course” with Pastor Tyler

Want to become a more intentional, faithful disciple of Jesus? Join us for "Disciple's Path," an eight-week course where Pastor Tyler will help you learn the essentials of how you can grow your relationship with God and make a difference in the world through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as a member of McEver Road UMC. This course is perfect for those interested in joining the life of McEver Road UMC, those who have recently become members, and even our long-time members who are looking for a refresher! The course will begin on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 12:30pm in Bagley House. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare can be arranged upon request.

The recommended Workbook and Companion Guide can be purchased here: <https://tinyurl.com/mceverdisciples>

Register for the class by visiting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DisciplesPath2026>

## South Hall Community Food Pantry Needs

Each month the South Hall Community Food Pantry requests specific items in addition to regular donations. For the month of January, the request is for **canned fruit**.

Additionally, the demand for jelly has increased! So **15oz or 18oz jelly** (grape and strawberry preferred) will be greatly appreciated as well.

### Help Feed our Furry Friends

We have received a recent request to include dry, bagged dog and cat food along with our other donated items. Bagged pet food of any brand will be happily accepted.

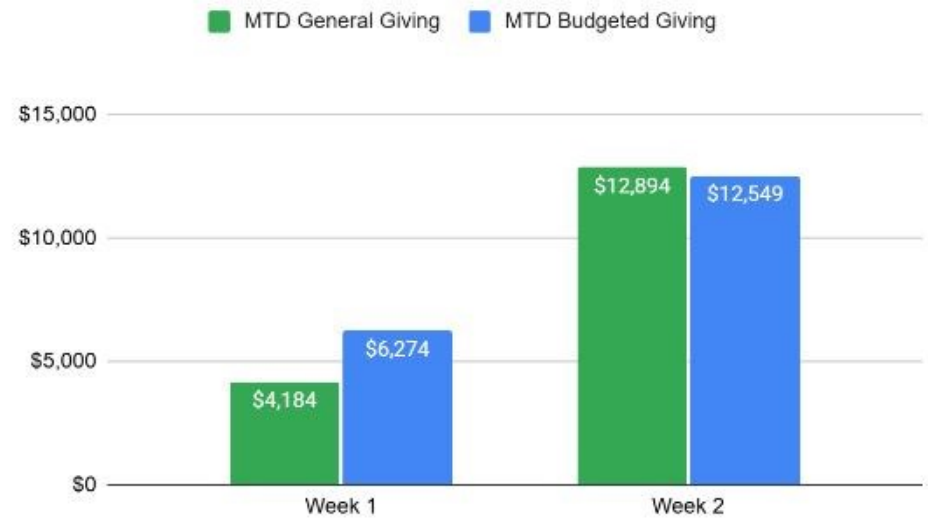
Please place these items on the table in the Bagley Annex kitchen.

## Our brand-new church merch shop is LIVE!

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new church merch shop! You can now order hoodies, jackets, pullovers, sweat-shirts, t-shirts, polos, and so much more - including stickers, magnets, water bottles, and tote bags. Everything ships directly to your front door when you order online. Visit our website, check out the shop, and find the perfect way to represent our church family wherever you go!

<https://thechurch.shop/shop/mcever-road-church/>

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*Loving Christ   Loving People   Helping People Love Christ*

## Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the “odd-one-out,” are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church  
We're so glad you're here!

## Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

## Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House

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## Today's Greeters

11:00am: Suzannne Terwilliger and Jim Prezel

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