

EMMANUEL (BAUST)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Roger Wilmer, Jr.
"In Every Prayer, We Grow."
Colossians 1:9-10

L = Leader P = People

**For those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Opening Music:** As We Gather

Green No. 646

***Call to Worship:**

Liturgist

L: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

P: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

L: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

P: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

L: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

P: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

***Hymn** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, Vs. 1,3,6

Green No. 244

***Prayer of Confession** (based on Psalm 40)

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for You. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength, rather than trusting You. We confess that it is easier to bring You sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our

lives to You. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced Your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see You, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until Your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and Your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Rev. Wilmer

***Song of Praise**

People Need the Lord

Green No. 568

People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
When will we realize, people need the Lord.

Anthem

Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11

Liturgist

***Gospel**

John 1:29-42

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Sermon Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Green No. 419

Sermon

Behold, Follow, and Bring (John 1:29-42)

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Invitation to Join God's Family

Rev. Wilmer

***Affirmation of Faith**

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Wilmer

Invitation to Offering

Offering may be placed in the plates near the sanctuary entrances. Ushers will bring them to the altar during the offertory.

Offertory

***Doxology In A Bleak Midwinter**

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: Holy God, we are not lacking in any gift, and we give You thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hearts and lives, not as vain sacrifice, but as a joyful response for Your steadfast love. Use what You have given us to Your glory in every place. Transform our gifts to become a beacon of hope, a word of life, and a balm of healing for all of creation. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

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**All: Holy, holy, holy God
of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

Prayer

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**All: In the strength Christ gives us,
We offer ourselves to you, eternal God
And give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine.

Sharing the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

***Closing Hymn** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Green No. 405

***Benediction** Rev. Wilmer

Postlude

January 18, 2026

**"Whoever you are and wherever you
are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!"**

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship, whether a member, friend or guest with us today. If you are not currently on our church mailing list to receive the church newsletter and would like to be included, please let us know. Our church website is: ebucc.com. If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: office@ebucc.com noting that we may include you in our electronic mailings which include our church newsletter.

EBUCC Offerings: Baust members, friends, and visitors may put regular offerings and special donations in the offering plates placed just inside the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. During the offertory, these plates will be brought to the altar by our ushers.

Let's Keep in Touch If you learn of anyone in our Baust Church Family who needs a visit or phone calls, please let Pastor Wilmer know @ 301-639-6477 or Email: pastorwilmer@hotmail.com. Office hours every Wednesday, call Rev. Wilmer for appointment anytime.

Altar Flowers: Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jane and Michael Rodkey, announcing the birth of Maxwell Rodkey Bilinsky on January 9th at 8lbs 2oz to the parents of Heather (Rodkey) and Christopher Bilinsky.

Reserving Altar Flowers: Here are the remaining open dates for altar flowers for 2026: January 25, March 29, April 5 and 12, May 31, June 14, and August 23. If you would like to reserve a date to remember, honor, and celebrate someone or something important to you or to our Baust Family, just let Susan Hardinger know, or use one of the order forms found at the sanctuary entrances.

Bible Study: Bible Study each Thursday at 6:00 pm in the parsonage. We are studying the Book of Revelation. Bible Study is open to all ages. Please register at Faithlife.com for more detail and resources. A link to join the study virtually is listed on the Church website under "Groups" and "Bible Study." We hope you can join us!

Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive: Homewood Living Plum Creek is a continuing care retirement community in Hanover Pa. The auxiliary raises money through dues and fundraising events. These funds are then used for activities, enhancing care, and improving the overall living environment for the Homewood residents. The membership drive is going on now until February 1; membership dues are \$3.00 for an individual and \$ 5.00 for a joint membership. Your light can make a difference! Please take this opportunity to join the Homewood Auxiliary. See Jan Corbin to join and with any questions. Thank you.

Consistory Meeting: Consistory will meet on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the parsonage.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30am. in the choir room.

Grief Share Group: Grief Share Group will meet in the Parsonage on Wednesdays' @ 5:30pm Dates: 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18. A support group to help you move through the grief process. A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief,

you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Baust Literacy: The Literacy Group is reading “The Promise,” by Robert Crais for January. In this Elvis Cole & Joe Pike thriller, they are joined by LAPD K-9 Officer Scott & K-9 Maggie. In what seems to be an ordinary case until Elvis learns of a missing woman who is an explosives expert, who works for the Dept. of Defense. Loyalty, commitment and the fight for justice have always been Elvis and Joe’s goal even if it could get them killed. Our next meeting will be, Tuesday, January 27, at 6 pm in the Parsonage.

Newsletter Items: Newsletter items for February 2026 are due today January 18, 2026 to Jane Rodkey.

Annual Reports: Our EBUCC By-Laws call for Consistory and all church organizations and committees to submit 2025 annual reports in writing to the church office. These reports shall consist of a summary of the past year's activities, a projected plan for 2026, and a financial report of the past year. Annual reports for 2025 shall be turned in to EBUCC Secretary Jane Rodkey before March 31, 2026.

Jan. 25th	Pastor:	Roger Wilmer
Jan. 25th	Scriptures:	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Jan. 25th	Liturgist:	Nancy Edwards
Jan. 25th	Media Tech:	Cory Wilt

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Peggy Warner
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Sue Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	Eddie Dutterer
Don Brower	

Friends

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Allen Robertson
Rev. Herb Ruby	Randy Brodbeck
Lainey Hood	Andrea Mathias Warren
Tom Hennin	Chris Johnson
Joann Stull	Sylvia Miller
Ken Morningstar	Shelley Simmont
Reese Burdette	Carol DeGroft
Sam Warner	

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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