

## Welcome to the Allin Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**Rev. Anne Marie Holloway**

Minister

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**



MEDITATION: *"O God, Enable us in this precious time to venture into the depths of worship which can never be found totally in individual spirituality but which opens slowly before the shared pain, struggle and love of the communion of saints. Amen."* ~Ruth R. Duck

PRELUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Arranged by Kurt Kaiser

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your love O God reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep.**

Earth's children, from all places, take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**We feast on the abundance of Your house; You give us drink from Your river of delights!**

For with You is the fountain of life! In Your light we see life!

**Glory be to You , O God, our life and our light! Amen!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

\*WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

**With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one in Jesus the Christ, to be merged in hope as your children. Bless our differences, that the unique gifts and perceptions of each may strengthen our oneness. As you draw us into your Spirit, we give you the thanks of our hearts, in the name of the living Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.***

A WORD FOR ALL AGES Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

## \*THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.*** (Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)

*The children are invited to leave for church school.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, stay close to Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone, Rick Hayes, and the family of Nancy and

David LaBier, the family of Judy and Don Massey as well as the family of Rocco DiLorenzo. Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us saying, **“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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.” Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

*I Am The Way*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING

Chris Writer

OFFERING



For your convenience, we have included a QR code for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

\*DOXOLOGY      *#47 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

**God, you have blessed us by calling us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our treasures. With thanks for all good gifts, we present our offerings as a sign of our enduring commitment to your love for us and for our neighbors. Amen.**

**Psalm 40:1-11 (Chanting)**

I waited patiently upon the Lord  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.  
God lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay,  
and set my feet on a high cliff and made my footing sure.

God put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
There is none who can be compared with you.

## **SCRIPTURE**

**John 1: 29-42**

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### **The Lamb of God**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

### **The First Disciples of Jesus**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You

are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God’s Holy Word.  
For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM                      *Many Gifts, One Spirit*                      Pote

SERMON                      *Look! The Lamb of God!*                      Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN                      *#592 Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\*BENEDICTION    Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

**May we go and speak as God has spoken.**  
**May we go and forgive as God has forgiven.**  
**May go in love as God has loved.**  
**May we go in peace. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      *Amen #4*                      Welch

POSTLUDE                      *This Little Light of Mine*                      Arranged by John Carter

## **Guest Music Director:**

Jonathan Barnhart

## **LITURGISTS:**

Christina Writer

## **ACOLYTES**

Adeline Slack

## **USHERS**

1/18-Barbara McGowan & Nancy LaBier

1/25 Barbara McGowan and Nancy Clegg

## **COFFEE HOUR**

1/18- Christian Ed

1/25-Prudential

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In loving memory of our beloved mother Bev Poole, from the Poole Family

**TOWER LIGHTING**

In memory of Don Massey from his loving family

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**Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the  
Allin Congregational Church!**

**[allinchurch.org](http://allinchurch.org)**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Thank you to everyone for signing up for ushering! Please sign  
up online for January & beyond!**

## PROJECT "RED RIBBON" CAMPAIGN



Project "Red Ribbon" is sponsored by M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). This will be the 37th year that M.A.D.D., has encouraged motorists to "to tie one on for safety" on a national level. The red ribbon, tied to a visible location on an automobile, serves as a symbol of the driver's

pledge to drive "safe and sober" during the dangerous Christmas and New Year Holidays, when alcohol-related traffic crashes typically increase. The red ribbon also reminds other motorists to do the same. Once again, there will be display boxes with red ribbons available in the Narthex and Fireside Room during the Holiday season.



**NOTICE of the 388th ANNUAL MEETING  
of  
Allin Congregational Church**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026  
11:30 AM, Stage Room**

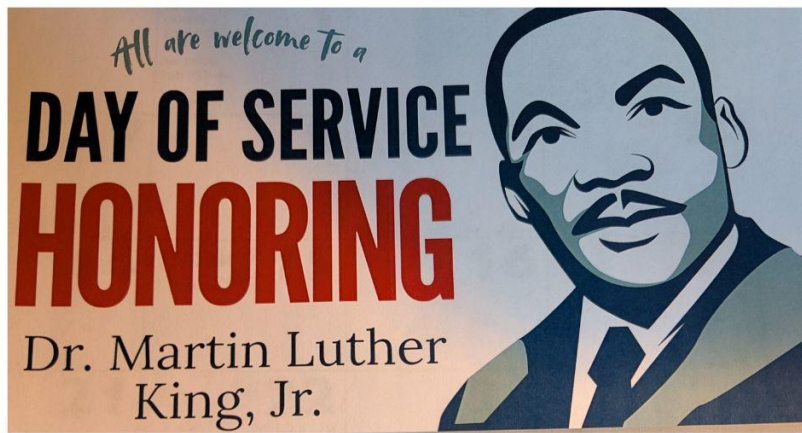
Notice is hereby posted of the 388th Annual Meeting of the Allin Congregational Church to generally act upon:

- Reports from various ministries, committees, and people responsible for church life and activities to be given and accepted
- The Prudential Committee's proposed budget for 2026
- A slate of officers and other leaders to be presented by the Nominating Committee
- Other items that may come before the meeting
- A quorum of 35 members is required by our By-Laws. *A hybrid meeting by request is available on Zoom for those requesting access.*

*Keith McCown: Moderator*

*ANNUAL REPORTS DUE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
SEND TO:  
AACC26@ALLINCHURCH.ORG*

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE: Monday, January 19, 2026**



**JOIN US FOR THE ALLIN CHURCH**

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**

**9AM BREAKFAST, 10AM-12PM**

**SERVICE PROJECTS FOR ALL AGES!**

**ALLINCHURCH.ORG**

**DONATIONS  
NEEDED for**

**Starter  
Housewarming  
Baskets for The  
New Life Furniture  
Bank: Please drop  
off donations at the  
Bullard Street  
Entrance Sunday  
through Friday  
9am-1pm**

**Please consider  
picking up some of  
these items on your  
next trip to the  
store or see if you  
have these NEW  
items around your  
home. New Life  
requests that items,  
including the**

**container, be NEW. These are types of donations we need:**

**Required For Each Basket:** 1 Pot, 1 Pan, 2-3 Assorted Cooking Utensils (ladles, spoons, whisks, can opener, etc.), 1 Microwave-safe Mixing Bowl, 1 Oven-safe Dish (casserole pan, etc.), 1 Kitchen Towel, & 1 Throw Blanket

**In addition, they recommend including at least 3 of the following:** 1 Cutting Board, 1 Bath Mat, 1 Measuring Cup Set and/or 1

Measuring Spoons Set, 1 Small Clock (wall or alarm clock) & 1 Bakeware Item (cookie sheet, pie pan, etc.)

**Needed for Containers for the Starter Kits:** Kitchen trash cans, storage baskets, plastic bins, laundry baskets, hampers, & cardboard boxes all make great containers for starter kits. These items will be delivered to their clients. The lids will be secured with packing tape. If there's no lid, we'll tape the throw blanket over the top.



**GET MESSY!**  
*Life is messy. Let's embrace the mess together!*

Messy Fridays in 2026: Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11  
6:00-7:30pm

Allin Congregational Church is a member of Messy Church USA. Messy Church is a creative, inclusive way of being church for families that enables us to encounter Jesus in a relaxed space.

Messy Fridays at Allin Congregational Church are relaxed, monthly get-togethers open to all ages and include dinner, faith exploration, and crafts. Please bring food to share. Pizza, chicken, and drinks are provided. For more information, see our website at [allinchurch.org](http://allinchurch.org)





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### **Minister's Office Hours**

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time through our website to schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at [pastorannem@allinchurch.org](mailto:pastorannem@allinchurch.org)

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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***United Church of Christ***

Gathered November 8, 1638

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