



# Spring Creek United Church of Christ

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4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

*We are an Open and Affirming, God-is still-speaking Congregation.  
We embrace our diversity to make a divine difference together.  
Wherever you are on life's journey, there is a place of welcome for you here.*

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*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked \*)*

Meditation: "Grazioso"-Telemann

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

\*Hymn: NCH 407, *How Firm a Foundation*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

\*Call to Worship: (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

**Worship Leader/People**

**Come, let us proclaim:**

**Love is patient and kind;**

**Love is not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude.**

**Love does not insist on its own way.**

**Love is not irritable; it does not keep records of wrong.**

**Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.**

**Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

Prelude: "Westminster Chimes" -Wagner

Handbell Choir

\*Gathering Prayer

**Worship Leader/People**

**O God, may our time together in worship**

**Warm our hearts, comfort our souls, strengthen our faith, and**

**Inspire us to greater love. Amen.**

**\*Confession**

**Worship Leader/People**

**O God, we confess  
We too often take good news  
And make it good news for us alone.  
We turn on a dime  
From praise and faithfulness  
To anger and selfishness.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
When a hometown child goes good, rather than bad  
Help us to see that goodness is for all.  
Help us to follow that child on your path toward love,  
A path with no boundaries.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor David

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

**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.**

\*Hymn: NCH 503, *O Savior, Let Me Walk with You*, verses 1, 3, and 4.

Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Worship Leader

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of

Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon: “Hometown Boy Goes Good” Pastor David

\*Hymn: NCH 448, *Take My Life, God, Let it Be*, all verses.

Offering: Today’s loose offering will be for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

Offertory: "How Firm a Foundation" -Rippon" Musician

**Offertory Response** (tune of Old Hundredth) Congregation

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
To Christ revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Spirit now we raise  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

Prayer of Dedication Pastor David

Announcements Worship Leader

**Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see insert.**

Lighting Candles for Peace and Justice Pastor David

Benediction Pastor David

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" -Pachelbel Musician

**\*New Century Hymnal**

**Pastor: David Sheridan**  
**Musician: Thomas Stein**  
**Worship Leader: Jane Austin**  
**Hymn Leader: Deb floor**

**Production: Bob Tissot & Josh Hill**  
**Ushers: Larry Hartzell & Jerry Brickey**  
**Greeters: Jerry Brickey**

**Please pray for these members and friends:**

- We pray for **Ron Mertz and his wife Nancie**. **Ron** has been diagnosed with the most acute form of leukemia. He was offered a possible clinical trial for his aggressive leukemia at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. A dear friend from Indianapolis drove them to Houston right before the unprecedented snowstorm hit. Ron is now being evaluated for possible treatment alternatives.
- We give thanks for **Nicole Bacara, David Mugavero's sister-in-law**, who has been battling cancer. The doctors feel they have removed the cancer surgically. Thanks be to God and the power of prayer.
- We pray for **Sarah**, daughter of **Carol Gerrond's** treated for breast cancer and is now cancer free.
- We pray for **John Gerrond's nephew, Todd**, who has been diagnosed with cancer. His mother, **Susan**, earlier this year had open heart surgery and has recovered.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz** and his wife **Liz**. Brent has been suffering from complications of his Parkinson's disease and cardiac issues. Brent is well enough to have traveled to Arizona where they will likely reside until March
- We pray for **Carol Gerrond's** brother, **Bob Miller**, who had surgery for an aneurism on the brain and is recovering.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems, with episodes of severe pain.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend** & long-time neighbor with ALS, **Shawn**, who entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.

| Attendance |
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| 1/12-37    |
| 1/19-42    |
| 1/26-44    |



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No Birthday**

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