

The
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 04, 2026

Reverend Easton Colbert

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147:12-20**

One: Praise God, O Jerusalem! For God strengthens the bars of your gates and He blesses your children within.

All: God grants peace within your borders and fills you with the finest of wheat.

One: God sends out his command to the earth and His word runs swiftly.

All: God gives snow like wool and scatters frost like ashes.

One: God declares His word to Jacob and declares His statutes and ordinances to Israel.

All: May all praise be to God.

****UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Ever Present and Ever Knowing God, we come before you as a humble people seeking to know more of your great mystery. We look towards you this day searching for meaning in life. We look towards you for the strength, guidance, hope, and comfort that only You can provide for us in this ever changing world. We look towards you this morning, O Lord, as a people in need of the Christ Child to lead us into your grace and light. We call upon you, O Lord, to enter into our lives leading us with your great message of love and salvation. Amen.

****HYMN #64 PH**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

verses 1-4

****Those who are able may stand.**

PH-Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH-Black New Century Hymnal BH-Little Blue Hymnal

****UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION**

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

****Response of Praise #513 PH** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Choral Response #769 NCH *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

****HYMN # 522 NCH**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

all 4 verses

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

OFFERTORY

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

****Doxology #515 PH *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Presentation of the gifts with praise

****UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy one, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 66:5

MESSAGE "Come and See the Works of God"

HOLY COMMUNION *

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

*Communion will be served in the pews. When served the bread, please wait until all are served so we may partake of it together. When served the cup, please do the same.

****HYMN # 158 NCH** "O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright" all 2 verses

****BENEDICTION**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship across the street.

Confirming Deacon- Debbie Szegedi
Offering- Barb Trup and Rich McLaughlin
Communion Servers– Elizabeth Boyce and Jon Stock
Collector - Debbie Szegedi
Coffee Hour - Debbie Szegedi

Welcome to worship in this new year of our Lord 2026! Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ. If you are visiting, we hope you will sign our guestbook.

Prayer List Please keep our members and friends in your prayers and especially at this time: Prayers for healing for June's brother, Claude; healing for 13 year old, Mikey, in intensive care from a bad car accident; Prayers for Debbie Olson and her family with the loss of her mother, Annabelle Lee; and the family and friends of Nathalie Taranto with her sudden passing.

Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request Card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

Planning Ahead:



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