



# St Ives Uniting Church

18 January 2026

## Epiphany 2

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 134 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

### Prayer of adoration

### Prayer of confession

We have failed to love you with all our heart  
and to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship  
and to be good stewards of your gospel:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have failed to be faithful members of your church  
and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Assurance of forgiveness

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear then the word of grace and the assurance of pardon:

Your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Notices

### Bible Readings

## **John 1:29-42**

Jill McNamara

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Ashley Jacobsson

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 659 The Lord is my shepherd

**Sermon:** What are you looking for?

**Hymn:** 745 Seek ye first

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer**

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**John Hughes**

