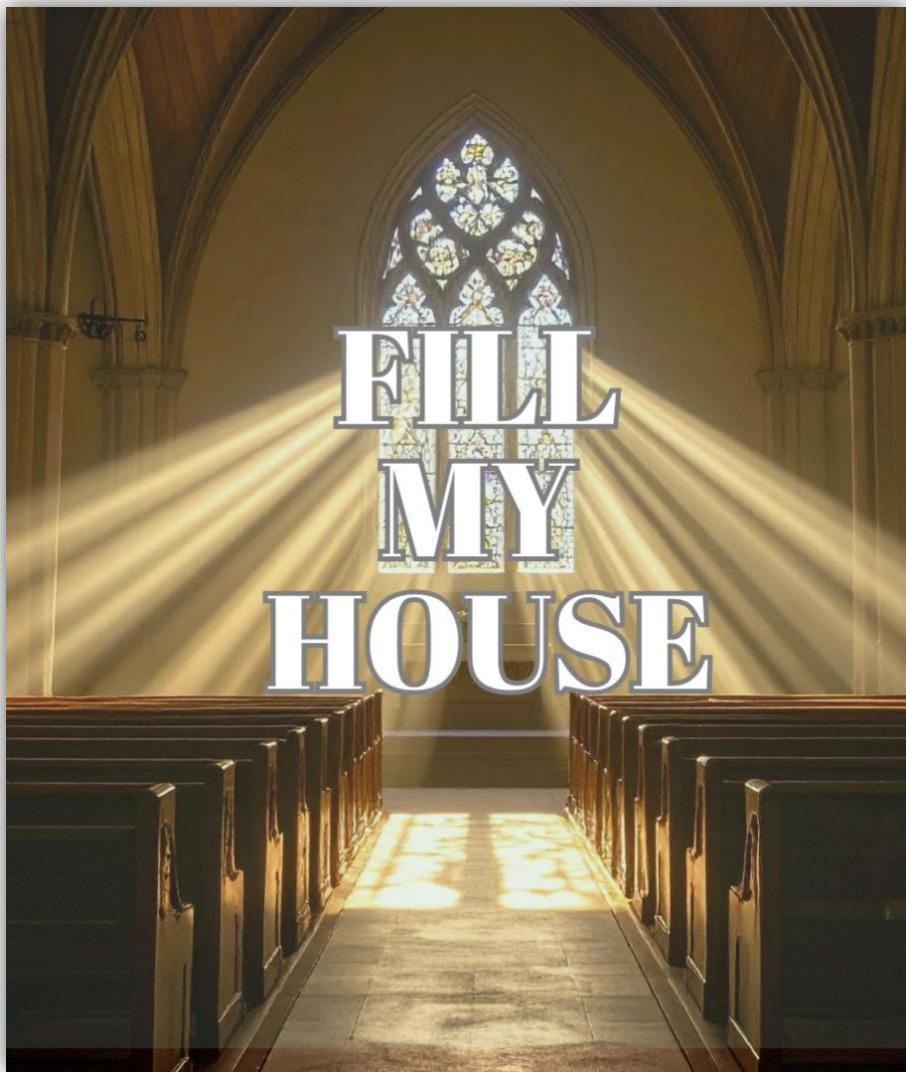


MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF... FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 222+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Epiphany Sunday  
January 4, 2026  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

*Please set all cell phones to vibrate or silent setting.*

*During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.*

*Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).*

*\* = The congregation is invited to stand.*

### **Prelude**

*The Huron Carol*

Traditional French carol

### **Announcements**

### **Passing of the Peace**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

**L:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C: And, also with you.**

**L:** The risen Christ is with us.

**C: Praise the Lord!**

#### **\* Hymn #57 (v. 1-5)**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### **Children's Time**

#### **Opening Prayer (unison)**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### **Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 14:16-24 (8:30) Cheryl Conti (11:00) Rachel Gomez

## Parable of the Dinner

<sup>16</sup> But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; <sup>17</sup> and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’ <sup>19</sup> Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that **my house may be filled.** <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Fill My House      Pastor Choi

**Communion** Servers: Pauline McShea (8:30) Bev Jonas (11:00)

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (will the ushers please come forward)**

Offertory: *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

**\*Doxology (#95)**

## Prayer of Dedication

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

## C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

**L:** Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

**C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.**

**L:** In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn #616:** Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

## \*Benediction

**Benediction Response**

Go Now in Peace

by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

**Postlude***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

German Melody

**Worship Leader:** (8:30) Cheryl Conti

(11:00) John Parker

**Greeters:** (8:30) Paul & Alice Cranmer

(11:00) Phil Pecoraro

**Ushers:** (8:30) Rich & Eva Mueller

(11:00) Glenn &amp; Bonnie Lobb

**Acolyte:** (8:30) Volunteer

(11:00) Damon Welsh

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

Sun.	Jan.	4	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School

### THIS WEEK

Mon.	Jan.	5	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out resumes
			11 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed.	Jan.	7	9 a.m.-12p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
			12-7 p.m.	Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Jan.	11	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Tue.	Jan.	13	1 p.m.	United Women in Faith meeting
			7 p.m.	Trustees Meeting

**YOUR SCROLLS ARE READY:** One scroll per person. May the Lord bless you with His word.

**YOUR OFFERING BOXES ARE READY:** Please pick up your 2026 offering box in the hallway. It is in alphabetical order.

**STORIES OF GRACE (Book):** is here! Get your copy from the office today! It is \$10.00.

**FOOD BANK ITEMS:** for January are pasta and sauce. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.  
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.  
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

**For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc.:**

Jennifer Abbott, Jim Goldberger, Beverly Jonas, Peter Arbona, Paul Cranmer, Iris Steinmetz' brother, Debbie Schroeder and family, Dean Wetmore, Regina Howard, Karen Steen, Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Tom Pancoast, George Smithson, the Keller family, Patrick D., John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Donna Spader, Towanna Merrit, Royal Wells, Betsy McShea, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Mike Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturo, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Lee Slater, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

Death: Charlie Bianco (Dec. 30, 2025)

<sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church;  
and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Matthew 16:18

**ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES**

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025  
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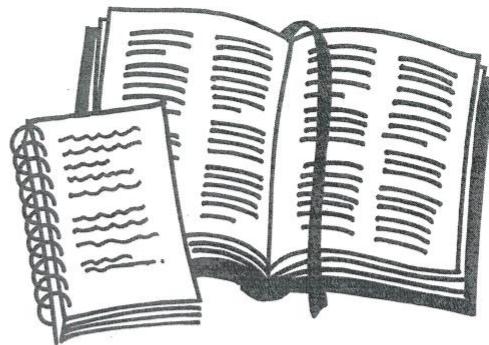
Sunday, December 28, 2025

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## Navigators Discipleship Tool

Want a deeper relationship with God?  
Start with seven minutes a day and  
see what happens!



# HOW TO HAVE A DAILY QUIET TIME

Most Christians firmly believe in the importance of spending daily time in God's Word and in prayer, yet, so many of us struggle to do either consistently. Perhaps it's because for us to consider them successful, we think every time with God needs to leave us feeling 100% peaceful or sure that we've received crystal clear messages from the Lord. That's not what happens every time, and that's okay.

"In the book of Psalms, David, who is called "the one after God's own heart," (1 Samuel 13:14) experiences the full spectrum of emotions as he prays fervently to God. He didn't hold back from pouring his authentic, messy heart out to the Lord, and we don't need to either. In fact, God welcomes it.

If you begin the spiritual discipline of spending seven minutes with God each day, you will soon find that it's impossible to stop there. An amazing thing happens—seven minutes become 20, and it's not long before you're spending 30 precious minutes with Him daily.

**Do it for the right reason.** Do not become devoted to the habit, but to the Savior. Spend time in the Word and prayer not because other people are doing it, not as a spiritless duty every morning, not merely as an end in itself, but because God has granted us the priceless privilege of fellowship with Him.

### *½ minute* **Preparing Your Heart**

Invest the first 30 seconds preparing your heart. You might pray, "Lord, cleanse my heart so You can speak to me through the Scriptures. Make my mind alert, my soul active and my heart responsive. Surround me with Your presence during this time."

### *4 minutes* **Listening to God (Scripture Reading)**

Take the next four minutes to read the Bible. Your greatest need is to hear a word from God. Allow the Word to strike fire in your heart. Meet the Author!

### *2½ minutes* **Talking to God (Prayer)**

After God has spoken through His Word, then speak to Him in prayer. One helpful method is to incorporate four areas of prayer that you can remember with the word ACTS.

**ADORATION** This is the purest kind of prayer because it's all for God. Tell the Lord that you love Him. Reflect on His greatness.

**CONFESION** "Confession" comes from a root word meaning "to agree together with." When we apply this to prayer, it means we agree with God's estimation of what we've done. Ask Him to cleanse you of your sin and help you turn from it moving forward.

**THANKSGIVING** Think of several specific things to thank Him for: your family, your business, your church—even thank Him for being with you in hardship.

**SUPPLICATION** This means to "ask for, earnestly and humbly." Ask for others, then ask for yourself. Include people around the world, missionaries, friends, and those who have yet to hear about Jesus.

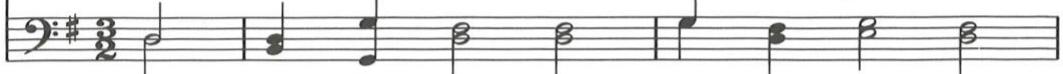


## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

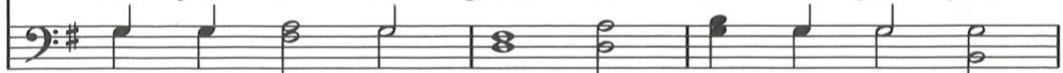
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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he  
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new  
 \*6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your  
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your  
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.  
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.



\*May be omitted

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Alt. tune: RICHMOND

## THE SACRAMENTS AND RITES OF THE CHURCH

## 616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast, let ev - ery  
 2. Do not be - gin to make ex - cuse; ah! do not  
 3. Come and par - take the gos - pel feast, be saved from  
 4. See him set forth be - fore your eyes; be - hold the  
 5. Ye who be - lieve his rec - ord true shall sup with

soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be  
 you his grace re - fuse; your world - ly cares and  
 sin, in Je - sus rest; O taste the good - ness  
 bleed - ing sac - ri - fice; his of - fered love make  
 him and he with you; come to the feast, be

left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.  
 plea - sures leave, and take what Je - sus hath to give.  
 of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.  
 haste to em - brace, and free - ly now be saved by grace.  
 saved from sin, for Je - sus waits to take you in.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24)  
 MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774; adapt. from *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

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