

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Oh World, I Must Leave Thee" Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

We proclaim the message of the cross: 1 Cor. 1:17-18
this is the wisdom and power of God.

For God alone my soul waits in silence. Ps. 62:5, 12
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

INTROIT "Come Now and Follow Me" Price / Besig
The congregation is invited to join the choir when directed
(see the insert)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN:** GTG #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 2 Cor. 5:17

... Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #728 SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'
"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE Rex Hauser

INVITATION TO OFFERING Matt. 10:8

OFFERTORY WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

+ **RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4 O.T. page 486

Light shines for those in darkness

PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9
God is light and salvation

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up
above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks you message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me,
turn not away from your servant in anger.

**Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 N.T. page 127

An appeal for unity in the gospel

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23 N.T. page 3

Christ revealed as a prophet

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Eph. 3:9-10

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Hear the Call of the Kingdom" arr. Koerts

SERMON "Hey, You! Follow Me!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN:** GTG #721 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

+ **CHARGE** 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;

Go out into the world in peace; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17

have courage;
hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ **BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Alleluia!

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Send Me, Jesus" THUMA MINA

POSTLUDE "Ye Holy Angels Bright" Coleman

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Liturgist: Nancy Sue MacDonald
Youth Acolyte: Jasmine Leffew
Greeters: Kurt Immekus and Nancy Sue MacDonald
Next Week's Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by Anna Lee Lavis
in memory of Harold Lavis

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#62: *Martyrdom of James*

In Jerusalem, the High Priest and the Jewish Council arrest James (brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem church) and stone him to death. (c. AD 62)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 95. What is the second commandment?

“You shall not make for yourself an idol” (Ex. 20:4; Deut. 5:8).

Question 96. What do you learn from this commandment?

First, when I treat anything other than God as though it were God, I practice idolatry. Second, when I assume that my own interests are more important than anything else, I make them into idols, and in effect make an idol of myself.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 26: Isaac Reyes

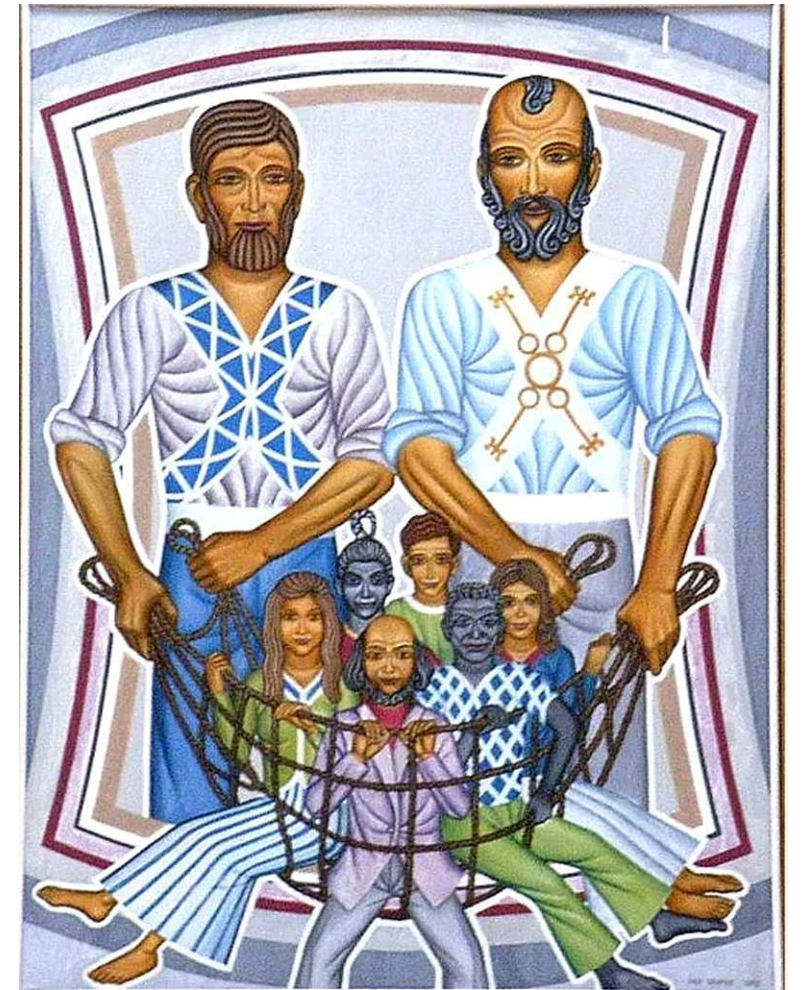
Jan. 27: Sloane St. George

Jan. 28: Timothy Pinches

Jan. 29: Linda Myall

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St. Peter and St. Andrew
by Peter Koenig, 20th century

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” (Matthew 4:18-19)