

February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Elevation" Guilmant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Give thanks to God with your whole heart. Ps. 111:1-2
Great are the works of the Lord.
What does the Holy One require of us? Mic. 6:8
To be just, kind, and humble before God.

INTROIT "What Does the Lord Require of You?" MOON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ps. 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God. Create in us a clean heart, O God! Place a new and right spirit within us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 2 Cor. 5:17

... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: GTG #372 "O for a World" AZMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...

... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" ADORO TE DEVOTE

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your communion with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink together, mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Ps. 24:1

OFFERTORY "Guide Me, O Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

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 church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.

We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:1-8 O.T. page 668
The offering of justice, kindness, humility

PSALM Psalm 15 O.T. page 383
Abiding on God's holy hill

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 N.T. page 127
Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 N.T. page 3
The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. Eph. 3:9-10
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "The Beatitudes" Eicker

SERMON "The Beatitudes" Rev. Bill Pinches

HYMN: GTG #749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

CHARGE 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17
Go out into the world in peace;
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 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA

POSTLUDE "Prelude in G Major" Bach

**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: Ginnie Gibson
Communion Servers: Dan Baker, Melissa Baker, Ron Dlouhy,
Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Next Week's Greeters: Donna Archer and Sandy Diehl
Sound: Tami Chapman
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Dan Baker

Today's flowers are given by
Luana and Eric Foster
in memory of Connie Foster,
Lena and Andy Pelio,
and Carol and Daniel Foster

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#63: 2 Peter

Now under arrest in Rome and awaiting execution, Peter may have written this letter as a final testament to Christians in Asia Minor, with help from a scribe. (c. AD 63-65)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 97. What is the third commandment?

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God” (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11).

Question 98. What do you learn from this commandment?

I should use God’s name with reverence and awe. God’s name is taken in vain when used to support wrong. It is insulted when used carelessly, as in a curse or a pious cliché.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Tuesday	Mission Committee	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm
	Parish Life Committee	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	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 1: Will Ozee

Feb. 3: Debbie Shellenbarger

Feb. 4: Greg Lang

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Sermon on the Mount
by Károly Ferenczy, 1896

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he began to speak and taught them....
(Matthew 5:1-2)