

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Prayer in B-flat Major" Guilmant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
The Lord called out: Whom shall I send? Isa. 6:8
I answered: Here I am; send me.
Jesus said: You are the light of the world. Matt. 5:14, 16
Let our light shine, giving glory to God!

INTROIT "Thy Presence My Light" arr. Eithun
Sanctuary Bells

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN:** GTG #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 4:14-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24
... I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING 2 Cor. 9:6

OFFERTORY "I Am His, and He Is Mine" (Nocturne) arr. Berry

+ **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, for God, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering.
We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12 O.T. page 524
The fast that God chooses

PSALM Psalm 112
Light shines in the darkness

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 N.T. page 127
God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20 N.T. page 3
The teaching of Christ: salt and light

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

ANTHEM "Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!" Choplin

SERMON "Salt of the Earth, Light of the World!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN:** GTG #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

+ **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** "Bring Forth the Kingdom" Haugen

POSTLUDE "Canzonetta in C Major" Buxtehude

*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: Barbara Georgescu
Greeters: Donna Archer and Sandy Diehl
Next Week's Greeters: Boy Scout Troop 763
Sound: Tami Chapman
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by
Jane Somerville
in memory of
Lange Somerville

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#64: Fire!

A massive fire destroyed 71% of Rome between July 18-24 in the year 64. Emperor Nero blamed Christians, who were unpopular and disliked. Hundreds of Christians were executed.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 99. What is the fourth commandment?

“Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy” (Ex. 20:8; Deut. 5:12).

Question 100. What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God’s Word, so that I may have it in my heart, and on my lips, and put it into practice in my life.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Tuesday	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
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	Finance Committee	9:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 10: Jill Castle

Feb. 11: Linda Guy

Feb. 12: Tom Seely

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“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)