



Paul Sullivan, our guest preacher, has been a small group Bible teacher since 1985. In 2000 he began preaching in Maryland, then North Carolina, and now Western Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Lay Minister with a strong conservative commitment to the inerrancy, authority and transformative power of the Holy Scripture.

***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;***

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

January 4, 2026

Scripture for January 11: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Acts 6:1-7
James 5:13-16

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Shirley Fluharty

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Joe Glatz

Jesus, You are Immanuel

Jesus, You give me eternal hope.

Jesus, You are God with me.

Jesus, You give me Your light for my journey.

Jesus, You are always present.

Jesus, You give me life, now and forever.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)**

God who is love, we thank You for all which You have blessed us; joy in health and strength; for Your presence and promises; for home and family; for our faith and Your church. Above all, we thank You for Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, and our light and life. Amen

***HYMN** "What Child Is This"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, in love you have made us and blessed us. We confess we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength nor one another as Jesus has loved us. We have selfishly followed our own desires and not lived by faith in Your Spirit. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us to walk in Your ways, be Your people, and with agape love bring glory to Your name. Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins. Jesus is our expiation and forgiver. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I’m so glad you’re in my life.
I’m so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

ANTHEM “We Three Kings”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:16-21

SERMON “Do You Follow This Child?”

Paul Sullivan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from 1st Corinthians & Colossians)

Jesus Christ died for my sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, appeared to many. I believe Jesus is Christ the Messiah, in whom the fullness of God dwelt by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the head of the church and by the blood of His cross, reconciles all things to God. Amen

***HYMN** “Gentle Mary Laid her Child”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***HYMN** “Joy to the World”

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***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat
Adult Sunday School - will resume on January 4 at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

Wednesdays –Story Time returns January 7 at 9:30 or 10:30 am

Sunday, January 4–Undecorating the church following worship

Monday, January 5–Property Meeting @6:30pm

Monday, January 5–Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 11–Communion

Sunday January 11–Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons

Tuesday, January 13–Deacons Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 13–Session Meeting 7pm

The Deacons are requesting donations for the food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on health and beauty products – Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant. Donations can be placed in the bin in the back of the church

We are looking for anyone interested in providing special music on those Sundays that the Choir is not singing. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the Choir Room

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim William, Bonnie Martin, Cheryl Lachowicz

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

