

***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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

please hold the elements as you are served until prompted

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

***HYMN** “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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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**



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Loving Neighbors;*

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

January 11, 2026

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

Skye Lanham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Chris Mathias

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in-behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” 761

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God of grace we find it too easy to lean on you without letting go of our attachments to the world. We seek to maintain our personal power, influence, and security while we claim you as our Lord and Savior. Rather than submitting our lives into your caring hands without reservation, we hedge our bets. Forgive our double minded commitments. Give us faith to relinquish all that we have, trusting in your wisdom for our lives. Lead us to make bold and faithful decisions concerning our stewardship of your resources. Fashion from these broken vessels a community that will bless countless others with its overflowing bounty in Jesus Christ. Amen
Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land...” My friends, believe the good news of the gospel – I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

***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

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives given to your service. Amen

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 1 Samuel 3:1-10
John 1:43-51

SERMON “You Shall See Greater Things”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Confession of 1967, 9.39)

In recognition of special gifts of the Spirit and for the ordering of its life as a community, the church calls, trains, and authorizes certain members for leadership and oversight. The persons qualified for these duties in accordance with the polity of the church are set apart by ordination or other appropriate act and thus made responsible for their special ministries.

***HYMN** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” 298

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

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 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

Sunday, January 18–Choir sings

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

Contributions Year to Date–\$207,913

Expenses Year to Date–\$185,858

Scripture for January 18: Matthew 3:13-17

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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Organist Emerita: Shirley Fluharty

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)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down and if he calls you, say 'Speak LORD for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said to him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."