

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Lamb of God, you take on the sins
and suffering of the world.
Call us into partnership with you,
to love and serve your people by your side.
Call us to witness to your goodness
and to join your ongoing work of liberation.
Call to us by name,
and we will delight in your ways.
Call to us by name,
and we will follow you forever. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Berceuse

J. F. Burgmüller

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymnal, No. 39

*CONFSSION AND PARDON

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

J. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

What Are You Looking For?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

There Is a Redeemer

Hymnal, No. 443

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

(from A Declaration of Faith)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

How Firm A Foundation

Hymnal, No. 463

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Air in G Major from Suite XIV

G. Handel

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 25: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are easy open soup (pull tab) and cold weather accessories (hats, gloves, hot hands and socks). **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**