

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Camp and Retreat Sunday  
Self-Development of People Sunday*

**February 8, 2026**

**Eleven O'Clock**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Bill Gast

## **PRELUDE:**

## **CHIMING THE HOUR**

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Praise God in the heavens, praise God all you people;**

People: **we praise God with our voices and with our hearts.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Loving God we open our hearts to You. We long for Your grace in our lives and try to live as Your followers. Keep our hearts and minds open for Your message to us. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 35 "*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*" LOBE DEN HERREN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray together**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God forgive us when we sin against You and against our fellow humans. You created us in Your image and provided us with all good things. Yet we squander what we have and more. We abuse others and then complain when people do not treat us with respect. Forgive our shortsightedness and our inability to see our failings. Teach us to follow in Your ways in all things. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**You may be seated**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.**

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, open my ears that I may hear Your word spoken and sung in worship. Open my heart and mind that I may understand and embrace Your command for my life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 112:1-9 please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in His commandments.**

People: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: **Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

People: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: **It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.**

People: **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: **They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

People: **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Leader: **They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;**

People: **their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 58:1-9a, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 688 of the Old Testament**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

**Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from **Matthew 5:13-20** you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 4 of the New Testament

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** No. 314 "*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*" CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.**

**You may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

### **OFFERTORY:**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, we are told to pray without ceasing and to be grateful for all things. We are grateful for the many gifts we have been given. Keep us mindful that You are the creator and giver of all things. And make us ever thankful for those gifts. In Christ's name, Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 372 *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* SIYAHAMBA

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 *"I Come with Joy"* DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for our Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon

# Daily Bread

Supplement

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Address Lenten Devotionals

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCHEON

We are having a Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon following the worship service today, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a pot in the Fellowship Hall for donations to the DeSoto Food Pantry. We hope everyone will join us for lunch.

## STATED SESSION MEETING

We are having a Stated Session Meeting next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Please let Lori know if you are unable to attend.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Mirielle said the election went well, but the current leader refuses to leave office, so please continue to pray for Cameroon

Travel mercies for all our friends and members traveling

Jessica Zinn has pneumonia

The kitchen staff at Five Points walked out, please pray for the residents of the facility