



THE LORD'S SERVICE

December 28, 2025

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

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THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9, 10 (ESV)

*"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"*

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

***Songs of Praise**
"Joy To The World"

Written & Arr by: Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sound joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:7-4:1 (ESV)

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his

sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained. ¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

***Hymn of Response**

"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"

Words: Gabriel /Arr: Norton Hall Band

I stand amazed in the presence; of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me; a sinner condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful; and my song shall ever be!
How marvelous! How wonderful; is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary; and suffered, and died alone.

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory; His face I at last shall see.
'Twill be my joy through the ages; to sing of His love for me.

Chorus x 2



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

O Lord, when you would guide me, I control myself.
When you would be sovereign, I rule myself.
When you would take care of me, I suffice myself.
When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself;
I fault and adjust your laws to suit myself.
Instead of you I look to others for approval and am by nature an idolater.
Lord, it is my chief desire to bring my heart back to you.
Convince me that I cannot be my own god to make myself happy,
Nor my own Christ to restore my joy,
Nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, rule me.
Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, lustful heart;
Then take me to the cross and leave me there.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 40.1-2a; 61.10a (ESV)

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her:
your warfare is ended,
your iniquity is pardoned.*

**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness!**

***Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

****Scripture Reading***

Proverbs 4:20-27

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Bill Leuzinger

“Wisdom for All of Life”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

“In Christ Alone”

Written & Arr by: Townend/Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save,
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

****We Confess Our Faith***

From Colossians 1.13-20

Christian, what do you believe?

God, the Father, has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

"Doxology"

Louis Bourgeois

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn of Response

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Written & Arr by: Wesley/Mendelssohn/
Bartholdy,/Cummings

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king!



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

*Benediction

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

"Don't despair when you find evils within yourself. The only unforgivable sin is the impenitence that justifies sin and opposes the purifying mercies of God in Christ."

"In your sanctification journey and in your ministry to others, you must operate on a scale that can envision a lifetime, even while communicating the urgency of today's significant choices. 'Disciple' is the most common New Testament term describing God's people. A disciple is simply a lifelong learner of wisdom, living in relationship to a wise master. The second most common term, son/child/daughter contains the same purpose; by living in a lifelong relationship to a loving father, we learn how to love."

"Having faith in Jesus is not something you do just once.
He is the direction you face."

David Powlison

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SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- Class resuming 1/18

TONIGHT, 6-8PM | YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Whether you've been with us for years or this is your first time coming; all middle and high school aged students are invited to our annual Christmas party! Wear your ugliest sweater, bring a dessert that you'd like to share, and a small gift to exchange! If you don't have any of that, you're welcome anyway! We will party in the Youth Room on the third floor! Use QR to RSVP please.



2026 WOMENS BIBLE READING GROUP | 1ST MEETING JANUARY 3, 10-11:30AM: Want to read through the Bible in 2026? Join this Bible reading group, led by Patricia Jansen and Sherrie Farmer. The group will encourage you and foster accountability through an ongoing group chat and discussion meetings at the church on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10-11:30AM, beginning January 3. Contact Patricia (423-505-3181) - and pick up a printed plan on the shelves in the front room!

JAN 11, 10:15am | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We'll meet between services in the sanctuary to share the 2026 budget, which has already been approved by our Elders and Deacons. We will also elect our annual corporate officers.

JAN 16-17 | MISSIONS MONTH INTENSIVE: Dale Hollenbeck, with MTW, will lead a Friday and Saturday missions seminar on how families can actively participate in the Great Commission.



Use this QR code to see building renderings & information regarding the building expansion.

MERCY MINISTRY WORK DAYS: If you have a need or know a need that our Deacons could facilitate a work day for, call Ethan Gouge at 423.782.8121. Can be completed with privacy & discretion.

MEALS FOR YOUTH: We need your help! Volunteer to be a meal provider for one of our weekly youth gatherings. Use QR to see details & sign up.



8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50
Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-1st: No Class
2nd-3rd: No Class
4th-5th: No Class

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): No Class
High School (9th-12th): No Class



FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This study is on break. It will resume 1/7/2025.

WOMEN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This study is on a break. It will resume after the holiday season!

- ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
- ²² For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.
- ²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.
- ²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you.
- ²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet;
then all your ways will be sure.
- ²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left;
turn your foot away from evil.

Keep your heart (23)!

By listening to God (20-22)

By putting away lies (24)

By looking forward (25-27)