



THE LORD'S SERVICE

December 7, 2025

Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

From Isaiah 40:28-29,
Luke 1:46-50 (ESV)

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.*

**He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

***Therefore, my soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!***

***Songs of Praise**
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Written & Arr by: Oakeley/Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created;

Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11.1-10 (ESV)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of
him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

“All I Have Is Christ”

Written & Arr by: Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

Chorus x 2



THE LORD CLEANSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

Most holy and merciful Father;
We acknowledge and confess before you;
Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good;
And all our shortcomings and offenses.
You alone know how often we have sinned;
In wandering from your ways;
In wasting your gifts;
In forgetting your love.
But you, O Lord, have pity upon us;
Who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased you.
Teach us to hate our errors;
Cleanse us from our secret faults;
And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear son.
And O most holy and loving Father;
Help us we beseech you;
To live in your light and walk in your ways;
According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103.8, 10-12 (ESV)

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Mission Spotlight

Andrew and Laura Kate Lupton
Oslo, Norway
with Mission to the World

****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 4.10-15; 13.20

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

AJ Babel

Your Walk Isn't Just About You



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.

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Written & Arr by: Boswell, Papa, Bleeker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes

****We Confess Our Faith***

The Apostles' Creed

2nd Century

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662-adapted with modern English

*catholic = universal

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 Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic* church;
The communion of Saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

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"

Romans 11

Music by: Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh, the depth of the riches; of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments; how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God; that God should repay?
For, from Him, through Him; to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

*Hymn of Response

"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Written & Arr by: Howard/Turner

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne,
And unto the lamb be praise and glory,
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever.
Be to our God forever and ever.
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.*

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose, and unity,
Declaring aloud praise and glory,
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus x 2



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

*Benediction

** all who are able, please stand
† all who are able, please kneel*

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

- TODAY: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16: Of Good Works
- 12/14: No Class
- 12/21: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 17: Of the Perseverance of the Saints

TONIGHT, DEC 7, 6PM | EVENING OF PRAYER: On the first Sunday of each month, for all who desire we will gather at the church for an hour of prayer and Scripture- for the glory of God, the good of the church, and for any and all petitions we need to bring before God- for our hearts, families, community, nation and world.

RSVP FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING BREAKFAST: Join us for a Christmas Morning Breakfast! Bring something delicious to share with everyone. We will meet at the church at 9:30AM. RSVP to Patricia Jansen (423-505-3181).

DECEMBER 12, 6:30PM | GIRLS NIGHT – COOKIE & BOOK SWAP: Ladies, join us for our annual cookie swap! We will gather at the church at 6:30 and enjoy nibbles, intentional fellowship, and cookies alongside a Book Swap! Bring 2-3 dozen cookies to exchange, an appetizer to share (if desired), and a wrapped book (new or used). The book should be one that you have enjoyed (cookbook, fiction, commentary, biography, etc).

DECEMBER 24, 5:45PM & 7PM | CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES: Join us for one of our beautiful services with Christmas Hymns and Scripture Readings. Bring friends and family and join us in the celebration of our Savior's birth (5:45pm service has childcare for 4 & under; no childcare at 7pm service).

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!



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: Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor
2nd-3rd: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2nd Floor
4th-5th: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50
High School (9th-12th): Troy Cash, 3rd Floor, 6-8PM



DEC 21ST, DEC 28TH, & JAN 4TH

NO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, OR HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

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: Weekly Bible study and prayer at the church. Bring your bible & coffee, and Contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if you plan to attend as location is subject to change.

WOMEN

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

Proverbs 4.10-15

- ¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.

Proverbs 13.20

- ²⁰ Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Your Walk Isn't Just About You

Your Connections & Relationships. God’s Gift.

Your Walk. Their Benefit.
In character

By counsel

By generosity

Through diligent work

His Walk. Your Benefit.