



## THE LORD'S SERVICE

January 25, 2026

Gathering & Hospitality  
Welcome & Announcements

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### THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

#### ***\*Call to Worship***

Isaiah 6.3; Revelation 4.8, 11 (ESV)

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

***“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.”***

**\*Songs of Praise**  
**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Reginald Heber (1826)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 10.9-16; 30-45 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. <sup>10</sup> And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup> and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” <sup>15</sup> And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” <sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup> and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ <sup>33</sup> So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

### “Here is Love”

William Rees (1847)

Here is love vast as the ocean; loving-kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life our Ransom shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all your love accepting love you ever all my days  
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise  
You alone will be my glory, nothing in the world I see  
You have cleansed and sanctified me, You have loved and set me free

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You're the priest, yet you're the off'ring 'pointed by the Father who  
Declared to the world so boldly, "You're my Son, perfect and true"  
You obeyed the law in fullness now you pray eternally  
That your righteousness imputed to your people it will be

*Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving-kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life our Ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood*



## THE LORD CLEANSES US

*+ Confession of Sin*

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
For they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
According to your steadfast love remember us,  
For the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.  
The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear you,  
And you make known to them your covenant.  
Our eyes are ever toward you, O Lord,  
For you will pluck our feet out of the net.  
Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of our hearts are enlarged;  
Bring us out of our distresses.  
Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.  
Redeem us, O God, out of all our troubles,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (based on Psalm 25)

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2.9-10 (ESV)

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

**Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

**\*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**

Galatians 2.1-14

Pastor: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Jim Powell

**“The TRUTH of the GOSPEL requires...”**

**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.

## **"Behold the Lamb"**

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend (2007)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us- and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you- eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life;  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you- drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth  
As we share in his suffering we proclaim, Christ will come a-gain  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King

### **\*We Confess Our Faith**

from Romans 8:31-39, except v. 36

*Leader: What then shall we say to any and every enemy of our salvation?*

**All: If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

*Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?*

**All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

*Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.*

**All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.**

## ***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.**

### **“Gloria Patri”**

Ancient Text (ca. 360)

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.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

#### **“Arise, My Soul Arise”**

Charles Wesley (1742)

Arise my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on his hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise,  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise,  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

#### *Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary,  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

#### *Chorus*

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

#### *Chorus*



## THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

### *\*Benediction*

*\* all who are able, please stand*

*† all who are able, please kneel*

*The Scripture describes such errors and offenses of saints [like Peter] for the comfort of those who are afflicted and oppressed with despair, and for the terror of the proud. No one has ever fallen so badly that he cannot rise again. And on the other hand, no one is so sure footed that he cannot fall. If Peter fell, I may too.*

Martin Luther (on Galatians 2.11-14)

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Psalm 139.23-24

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

- TODAY, Missions: Local
- 2/1, Missions: Trinity Hope with Keith Logan

**JAN 28, 9:30-11:30 | WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything* by Lydia Brownback. Join us for this 10-week study. We will explore the "timeless counsel in the book of Proverbs" while endeavoring "to know the very Author of wisdom and to apply his relevant, how-to riches." We have two weekly opportunities: Wednesdays (9:30-11:30) beginning 1/28 & Sundays (6:30-8:00) beginning 2/1. Use the QR code to register. Text or call Leslie Owens at 601-540-7213 for further information & details.



**FEB 1, 12:45PM | YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH:** All post-high school young adults - college, grad school, or working, whether single or married - join us for lunch at Ken and Sherrie Farmer's house after 2nd service on 2/1 (2308 David Miller Rd)! Contact Ken as needed, 423-612-9835.

**SUN, FEB 1, 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.

**MON, FEB 2, 6PM | AROUND THE TABLE:** Ladies, join Lisa Smalling & Betsy Bridforth for dinner & a study of *Begat: Women in the Genealogy of Jesus!* Info and RSVP via QR.



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

**Adult Classes**

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

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

K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Youth Classes**

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

**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 & 2<sup>ND</sup> 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:** Scriptural study for the upcoming sermon on the CCC 2nd floor. Bring your Bible and coffee, and contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if planning to attend for the first time, as the location can change.

**WOMEN**

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

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. <sup>2</sup> I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. <sup>3</sup> But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—<sup>5</sup> to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. <sup>6</sup> And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. <sup>7</sup> On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised <sup>8</sup> (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), <sup>9</sup> and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup> Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

<sup>11</sup> But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. <sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

The truth of the Gospel requires the same now as it did then.

Adding nothing to it. 2.1-6

Subtracting nothing from it. 2.7-10

Defending all of it. 2.11-14