



THE LORD'S SERVICE

February 15, 2026

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**

Psalm 103.1-2; 10-11 (ESV)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits!**

*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!***

***Songs of Praise**

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”

Joachim Neander (1680)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been. Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend Thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2.12; John 16.7-8; 13.15 (ESV)

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God....

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



THE LORD CLEANSES US

+ Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father;
For his sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
To the glory of your holy name.

***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.

“Thy Mercy My God”

John Stocker (1776)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

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Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine

New Members

Richard & Leigh Anne Dunlap

David & Christine Fields
with their daughter Carolina

Tristen & Abigail Knight
with their children Edith, Eli, and Florence

David & Julie Nevue

Baptisms

Edith, Eli, and Florence Knight
children of Tristen & Abigail

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Written & Arr by: S.J. Stone, 1866

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses; partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

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 3.1-9

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“THE FAITH OF NOT-A-FOOL.”



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.

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Ada R. Habershon/Matt Merker (1906/2013)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

Chorus

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For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast (x2)*

***We Confess Our Faith**

The Nicene Creed
Council of Constantinople, 381AD
**Catholic = universal*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
Came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy, catholic* and apostolic church;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
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.

“Romans 11”

Andrew Peterson (2014)

Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who could 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 a men

***Hymn of Response**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

Written & Arr by: Lowry/Lowry

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing by the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see- nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea- nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone- nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand*

† all who are able, please kneel

1 Corinthians 2.11-14

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

"Paul argues [in Galatians] that any attempt to supplement the work of Christ is in reality to supplant the work of Christ.

He insists that there cannot be two ways of salvation, one through faith and the other through works."

Charles Erdman,

The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians (Westminster Press, 1930)

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

- TODAY, Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch 19: Of the Law of God
- 2/22, No class

TODAY, 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 (2308 David Miller Rd)! Contact Ken as needed, 423-612-9835.

THUR, FEB 26, 5:30PM | CAMPUS HOUSE: Campus House is a ministry to ETSU students. We provide dinner for their gathering, 'Thursday Night Live'. We need volunteers to bring food and/or hang out with students. Please contact John or Emily Barrett (barrett.emily25@gmail.com, 423-741-9698) if you have any questions.



JUNE 15-19, SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School. Details & registration to follow at a later date.



- 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

**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: 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 @ 6:30PM & WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM | WOMEN'S 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." Meeting at the church.

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”
⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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The PROBLEM of DECEPTION.

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The (ONLY) QUESTION:

Has the gospel changed in your life?

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The (ONLY) REALITY:

The gospel has never changed.