



# Community Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord  
Second Sunday of Epiphany  
18 January 2026

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

**(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

**(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory—His glory as the only Son of the Father.**

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

### Opening Prayer

#### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 40:1-11*

(One) I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

**(All) He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

(One) He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**(All) Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

(One) You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**(All) Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

(One) Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

**(All) I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

(One) I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

**(All) Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

**\*African-American Spiritual**

**Chorus**

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

*The Good Old Way*

**Verses**

(1) O brothers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on brothers let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

(2) O sisters...

(3) O fathers...

(4) O mothers...

(5) O children...

### **Prayer of Confession**

(All) God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Silence**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

**New Testament Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

**Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-42*

### **Sermon**

### **\*Hymn (68)**

*Come Thou Fount*

(1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--  
name of God's redeeming love.

(2) Here I raise to thee an altar,  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

(3) O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith

### *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will 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 life everlasting. Amen.

### Offertory

### \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

### Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

**(All) ... Hear our prayers.**

### The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

## SENDING

**Charge**  
**Benediction**  
**Postlude**

### Community Presbyterian Church

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## SCRIPTURES

### **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

49:2

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

49:3

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

49:4

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

49:5

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-

49:6

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

49:7

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

1:2

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

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for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind

1:6

just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you

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so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **John 1:29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

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I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

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And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

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I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

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And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

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The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

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and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

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The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

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When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him,

"Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

1:39

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

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One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

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He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

1:42

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).