



Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Epiphany
25 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 27:1, 4-9

(One) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

(All) One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

(One) For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

(All) Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

(One) Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

(All) Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

***Hymn (260)** *The Old Rugged Cross*

(1) On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

(2) O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. *[Refrain]*

(3) In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me. *[Refrain]*

(4) To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *[Refrain]*

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 9:1-4

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

***Hymn (559)**

Here I Am, Lord

(1) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright. Who will bear My light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

(2) I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's
pain. I have wept for love of them, they run away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
[Refrain]

(3) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
[Refrain]

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

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

9:3

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

9:4

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

1:11

For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

1:12

What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

1:13

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1:14

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

1:15

so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

1:16

I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.

1:17

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel--and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

1:18

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:13

He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

4:14

so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

4:15

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles--

4:16

the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

4:17

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

4:18

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers.

4:19

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people."

4:20

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:21

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

4:22

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

4:23

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.