

In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ,
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR February 1st, 2026
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison
Liturgist..... JoAnne Lewis
Acolyte.....
Sunday School Teacher
Audio Video Tech
Closer.....Paul Sauder

*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the Social Room
after Worship. Hosted by Care Cell #1*

* *Please stand as able*

Welcome & Brief Announcements

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The Prelude *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Sondra K. Tucker
GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

People: We are the salt of the earth.

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

People: We are the light of the world.

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

People: We join together to worship God with love.

*Hymn #749 *Come! Live in the Light*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.

Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, so that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

*The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O Lord, on this winter Sunday morning, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1=8

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message: *It's Not Difficult –Once You Get Over Yourself*

-Pastor Robert Cook

Response to the Word (unison)

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

This is our faith. This is our hope. ~ 20th century South African creed.

*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

Communion Anthem *Come to the Feast* Benjamin Harlan
Come to the feast, you are welcome to share.
Come to the feast, Christ the Lord will be there.
Come of you're hungry and you will be fed.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the feast, come and answer the call.
Come to the feast, bread and wine for us all.
Come for forgiveness and you will find peace.
Come to the table of grace.

Come break the bread, come lift the cup.
Come, take your place as His child.

Come to the feast in the name of the Lord.
Come to the feast in His name be restored.
Come to remember He suffered and died.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to His table of grace.

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: This is the Lord's Table. Jesus invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: It is our delight, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, '*Let there be light*', and the light came, to shine on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your word, to do your will, and to be filled in your love.

People: It is right to thank you. You sent your son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

Pastor: Your Son came to give us life and to set us free from sin. His cross takes our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all who love you, who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts.

All: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from you. Glory to you, most high and gracious God.

Pastor: We remember Jesus who took bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body which is for you. Do this to remember me.'*

We remember Jesus who took the wine cup in his hands and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said, *'This is the new covenant sealed by my blood. When you drink from it, do this in memory of me.'*

All: God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your son. We thank you for his life, his death and resurrection. We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Pastor: God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine, we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

Called to follow him help us to reconcile and unite.

Called to serve give us hope in our calling. Amen'

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Holy God, in gratitude for all the gifts you have given us, we give ourselves now to you. Help us live as changed people, because after sharing this meal we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. May our lives show forth your path of walking humbly, doing justly and loving you. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn #743 *O God, You Are My God*

* The Blessing

The Postlude

Almighty Wayne Watson, arr. Bill Wolaver
Brenda Slick, *piano*

GPC Bell Choir

Fred Davison, Director

Mary Ann Ackerman

Barry Leap

Terry Davis

Kaylynn Leap

Brian Keck

Liam Papa

Berry Kline

Dee Patton

Danielle Kline

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