

**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Christmas
Sacrament of Communion
January 4, 2026**

We Gather to Worship God

***Congregation stands as noted**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (John 1 CEB)

Leader: This is John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"...

People: John replied, "I am a voice crying out in the wilderness, Make the Lord's path straight, just as the prophet Isaiah said."

Leader: Those sent by the Pharisees asked,
“Why do you baptize if you aren’t the
Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”

**People: John answered, “I baptize with
water. Someone greater stands among
you, whom you don’t recognize. He
comes after me, but I’m not worthy to
untie his sandal straps.” Amen.**

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #827 “O Morning Star, How
Fair and Bright”**

**1. O Morning Star,
how fair and bright!**

**You shine with God’s own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!**

**Of Jacob’s line, King David’s son,
our Lord and Savior,**

**you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**2. Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls
from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit,
flesh and blood refresh our souls
with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For you teach us**

**God's own love through you
has reached us.**

**3. What joy to know,
when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day,
O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.**

**We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek
Reconciliation with God**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Confession -
“Confession” Words/Music by Kenneth
Jones**

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of incarnation. You invite us into relationship, into the place where you live. But we too often shy away, afraid to get too close, afraid of what we will find, afraid of how it will change us. You invite us to follow, but we let our assumptions and biases get in the way of real relationship.

You encourage us to share this deep solidarity with others, but we too often keep your good news to ourselves. Give us the courage and curiosity to ‘come and see’ for ourselves, and invite others to ‘come and see’ too. In the silence of this moment, invite us into deeper relationship with you and with one another...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (John 1 CEB)**

Leader: “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up to heaven and down to

earth on the Human One.” Friends, come and see the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God’s Forgiveness (#581)**

**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.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Transition Hymn #631 (v.1)**

“In the Presence of Your People”

**In the presence of your people
I will praise your name,
for alone you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Let us celebrate your goodness
and your steadfast love;
may your name be exalted
here on earth
and in heaven above.**

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

**Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our
Time, Gifts, and Resources
(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for
information about options for digital
giving)**

***Doxology (#606)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow; Praise God all creatures here
below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

**(Children are dismissed at this time for
Children's Church and Bible Builds)**

Special Music

Kenneth Jones

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Scripture Reading

John 1:35-51 (NRSVUE)

**Leader: This is the word of God for the people
of God.**

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word "Come and See" Rev. AJ Ochart

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation for Communion #523
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

***R. You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.***

**1. As when the shepherd
calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord,
we follow and rejoice.**

**2. With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count
us worthy, Lord,
to share this heavenly food.**

**3. Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?**

**4. The mystery of your
presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.**

**5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,**

**to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

Prayer: ...Therefore we join our voices with your
people on earth and all the company of the
heavens, singing praise to you...

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full
of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer: ...we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Prayer: ...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honor are yours now and forever. Amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come, thy 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
thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #721**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**1. Lord, you have come
to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy
nor wise ones;**

**you only asked me
to follow humbly.**

***R. O Lord, with your eyes
you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken
my name;***

***Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind
me.***

By your side I will seek other seas.

**2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold
and no weapons;
you will find there my nets
and labor.**

**3. You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors
to give others rest**

**and constant love
that keeps on loving.**

**4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls
who are waiting,
my loving friend,
as thus you call me:**

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Benediction #540**

“Farewell, Good Friends”

Farewell, good friends!

Farewell, good friends!

Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again,

till we meet again,

shalom, shalom.

***Postlude**

**Thank you for choosing to worship with us
today. We hope you were blessed so you
can go
and be a witness to Christ's love in the
world. May your spirits be renewed for the
days ahead.**



**Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor
Kenneth Jones,
Director of Music
Shannon Bryan,
Accompanist
Andy Croston, Lay
Leader**

