
prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

REV. DR. DANIEL J. MCDOWELL

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

– Revelation 4:11 ESV

** call to worship

MR. RYAN SLABACH

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works[.]
All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I
have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

– From Psalm 104:31, 33, and 34 ESV

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



1. O, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;



the glo - ries of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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Leader: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Leader: What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?

All: These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

– *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 47-48

TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The third staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The fourth staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, In your com - mand - ments make me walk, Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty, Turn a - way my re - proach and fear; and from it I will not de - part; for in your law my joy shall be; and cause me in your ways to tread; your righ - teous judg - ments I con - fess; That I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, give me a heart that loves your will, O let your ser - vant prove your word to know your pre - cepts I de - sire; give me an un - der - stand - ing heart. from dis - con - tent and en - vy free. and thus to god - ly fear be led. re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

– Proverbs 28:13^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Our Father,**
We have sinned against you this past week in thought, word, and deed.
Our secret desires have not been aligned with your holy calling in our lives.
We are often selfish, impatient, and rude to those you have placed in our lives.
We have grown weary of doing good and for this we repent.
Cleanse us from our sin
And help us to look up to you for healing and strength.
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Hear now, O Church, who testify to the world as ambassadors of Christ Jesus. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, he has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of his Son, Jesus Christ.

All: **In him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in thought has been forgiven. Serve now in the purity of the King to speak the gospel through acts of mercy, grace, and love.**

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN



1. Je - sus, I my cross have ta - ken, all to leave and fol - low thee.
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my Sa - vior, too.
 3. Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure; come dis - as - ter, scorn and pain.
 4. Soul, then know thy full sal - va - tion. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
 5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and winged by prayer.



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
 Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; thou art not, like them, un - true.
 In thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure; with thy fa - vor loss is gain.
 Joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion, some - thing still to do or bear.
 Heav'ns e - ter - nal days be - fore thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known;
 O while thou dost smile u - pon me, God of wis - dom, love and might.
 I have called thee Ab - ba Fa - ther; I have stayed my heart on thee.
 Think what Spi - rit dwells with - in thee, think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine,
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion, soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
 Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther;
 think that Je - sus died to win thee;
 Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heav'n are still my own.
 show thy face and all is bright.
 all must work for good to me.
 child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine?
 faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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scripture reading

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Leader: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER LARRY LORIMOR

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

CANDIDATES FOR COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP

Elias Horrall	Cullen Jennings
Amelia Horrall	Emery Slabach
Adeline Horrall	Naomi Wells

VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Sermon | “Subtraction by Addition”**January 11, 2026**

Galatians 5:7-12^{ESV} | 7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** gospel charge**

RULING ELDER LORIMOR

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Let us be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

– From Ephesians 5:1-2_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that his work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24_{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Children of God, what have we received from our Lord?

All: What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ's giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.

**** offering
& song of thanksgiving**

The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no
4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
treasure store. Take my - self and I will be ev - er,

flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
be thy roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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announcements

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**** benediction**

**** doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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