

Offertory

*Gloria Patri No. 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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

Love Lifted Me

(insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude

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*... This is my body,
which will be given
for you; do this in
memory of me. ...*

Luke 22: 19

Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Sunday Order of Worship January 4, 2026

**We are a community of believers, sharing God's love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

January 4, 2026

Worship Service

11:00 am

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

God of all people, You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name and help us to follow and obey. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Even now, says the Lord our God, return to Me with all your heart.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.

People: We will dream dreams and see visions; we will call on the name of the Lord!

Joel 2:12-13, 28, 3

*Hymn of Praise

Jesus, the Light of the World

Victor Holton

No. 127

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: we have not loved You with all our heart or served You with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to Your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In Your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve You with joy all the days of our life. God, we come to You now in a time of silent confession to prepare our hearts for communion.

(time of silent confession)

Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-5

Pew Bible page 410

Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

John 1:35-51

Pew Bible pages 750-751

Anthem

Sermon

Come and See

Rev. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

To God Be the Glory

No. 634

Installation of New Elders – see insert

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People
(gluten free bread served)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering