

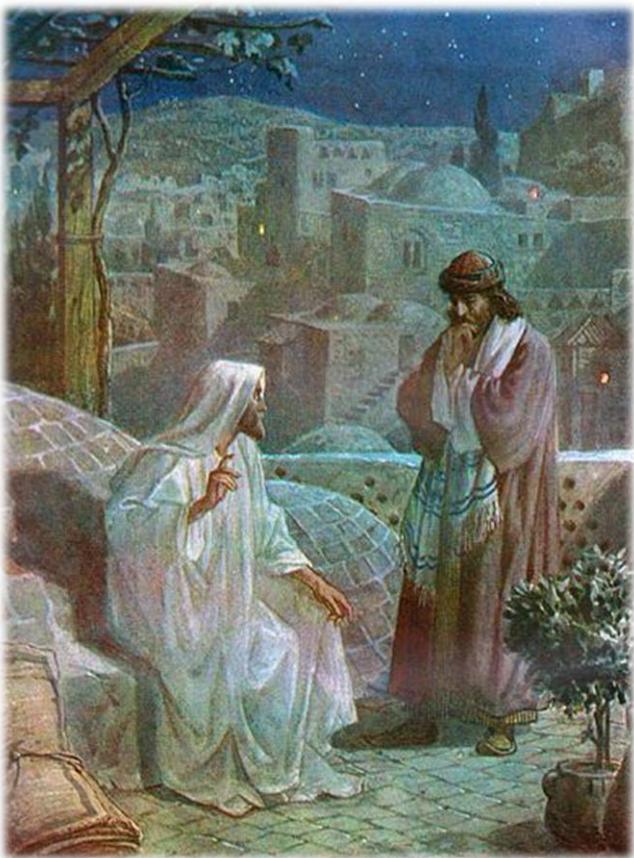
**Offertory****\*Doxology No. 606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication****WE GO FORTH TO SERVE****\*Hymn of Commissioning**

Standing on the Promises

No. 838

**January 25, 2026****Sunday Order of Worship  
11:00 am****\*Benediction****Postlude**

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

**The marks of this life are:**

**Pray daily;**  
**Worship weekly;**  
**Enjoy spiritual friendships;**  
**Read and study the Scriptures;**  
**Engage in service in and beyond the church;**  
**Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and**  
**Practice generosity with one's time, talent, and money.**

## Worship Service

January 25, 2026

11:00 AM

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

### Prayer of Preparation

Creator God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us dive into that new life, refreshed and renewed for Your work. 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: God invites us into His healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."

People: **Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide. God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward Him, the Great Physician.**

Leader: We bow before Him in faith and expectancy!

—based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

#### \*Hymn of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 268

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins.

—Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

#### \*Assurance of God's Grace

Christ is our peace; those who are divided He has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by His death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe He has promised reconciliation. So, live as people reconciled. Amen.

11:00 AM

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

##### First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:13-18

Pew Bible page 445

##### Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

John 3:1-21

Pew Bible pages 751-752

#### Anthem

#### Sermon

#### In the Dark

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*Hymn of the Day

Take My Life

No. 697

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

#### Apostles' Creed

#### Prayer of intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Karen Pirkle  
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