

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Members, Committee Members and Officer Training, Sunday, January 11, 2026 Lunch and Training will be after worship. **This is mandatory for all volunteers holding volunteer positions. If you can't attend, please speak to Pastor Jane.**

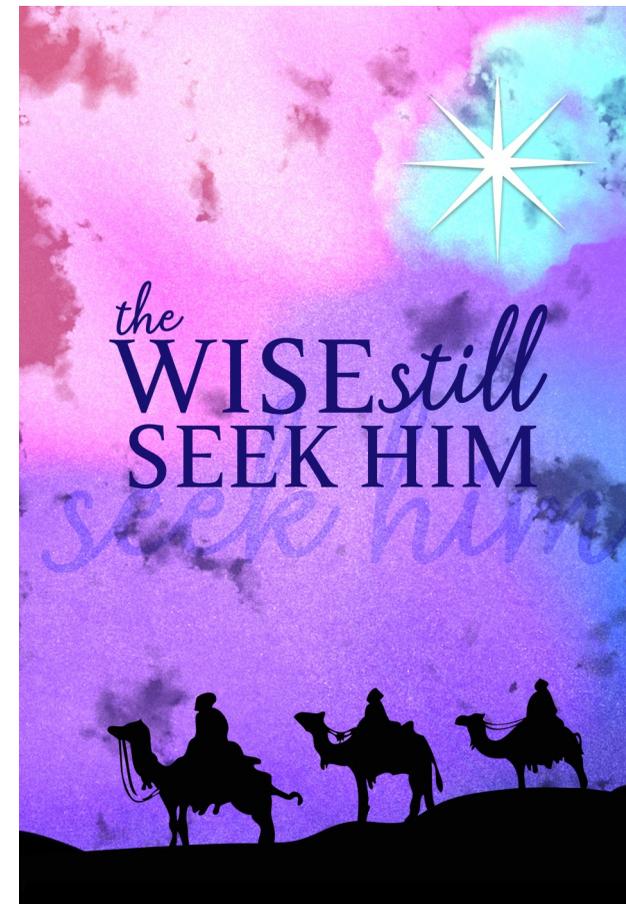
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~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ JANUARY 4, 2026 ~
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.”* -William James



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PRELUDE *Praise Him With Trumpets* Richard Blake Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Ann Ellis & Lynn Stack

One: What is our church's mission?

Many: To embody God's powerful love...

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

OPENING HYMN (CH) # 61 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. **Refrain***

*The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. **Refrain***

*The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. **Refrain***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People: *The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!*

Leader: *Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!*

People: **Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!**

Leader: May the light shine as we worship our God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 561 It is Well with My Soul

*1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain *It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain***

*3 My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain***

*4 May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. **Refrain***

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE *For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace* G.C. Strattner Sharon Pinsonnault
a hymn for the commencement of the year

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

I will drink this cup with you again at the table of God's joy in the New Day that is coming. Whenever you do these things, remember me.

REMEMBERING JESUS

One: And now, O God, we remember Jesus. (A brief silence.)

One: We remember that he forgave our sins.

All: *He breathed on us the peace of God.*

One: We remember that he called us friends.

All: *He taught us to love each other as he loved us.*

One: We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers & friends.

All: *To eat with him was to taste how good you are.*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

One: Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.

All: *May it be for all the Bread of Life!*

One: Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

All: *May it be for all the Cup of Peace!*

One: Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

All: *We pray in the name of the Risen One, who is with us now, and to the end of the age!*

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

PASTOR: Come my sisters and brothers in Christ, the feast is ready, please come to the Table of Remembrance.

COMMUNION VIDEO *Remembrance* Matt Redman

GIVING THANKS

One: Let us give thanks.

All: *Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.*

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP *Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed*

Chorus *My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures*

Chorus *My chains are gone, I've been set free
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My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI

*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*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-14, Matthew 2:1-12 Ann Ellis

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 151 verses 1, 2, & 3 *The First Noel*

*1 The first Noel, the angel did say;
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

*2 They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night: Refrain*

*3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went Refrain*

SERMON Open the Door and Follow Pastor Jane

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Deacons: Ron and Debbie

INVITATION

One: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

All: *Life that never ends!*

One: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

All: *Plenty for all, enough for today!*

One: Come to the table of justice and joy!

All: *No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!*

One: Let praise go up to God our Life!

All: *From every creature on God's good earth!*

PREFACE

One: How right it is to praise you, gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors one people in many kinds and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were a sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted to us your justice and your joy.

All: *But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other's hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of mercy, you restored us to each other and to you. Mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you!*

One: And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy- Lord God of hosts. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: And we remember that on the night he was handed over, while at supper with his friends, he gave us a pledge of love that does away with death.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat, all of you: This is my body, surrendered for you.

And when the supper was over, he took a cup filled with wine, gave thanks for it, and shared it with them, saying: Take and drink, all of you: This is the seal of a new covenant, my poured-out life.