



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(Please use this time to prepare reflectively for worship.)

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

PRELUDE

Gott ist Mein Lied (God is My Song)
Music by Johann Adam Hiller (1728-1804)

Xiao McCollum, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The light of a candle is enough to chase away the darkness.

People: **Burn bright in us, O God.**

Leader: Drops of water can bring a seed to birth.

People: **Refresh us with Your flowing love.**

Leader: One song can drive despair away.

People: **Sing Your Song in us and through us, again and again.**

Leader: Words of truth prevail and heal.

People: **Plant Your truth deep within us so our words may echo Your peace.**

Leader: Here in this place, may we see light to heal our darkness, feel love to be refreshed and renewed, hear a song to lift our spirits and know a word to give us peace and strength.

Unison: **Let us bring praise and adoration as we worship the living and loving God!**

*HYMN #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Words by Ray Palmer; Music by Lowell Mason

Glory to God

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated, unison)

Sara Eichmann

Loving Jesus, compassionate friend and gentle guide, You call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, You beckon us to follow You; yet we hold back. We question how we know Your voice; we make excuses of things we have to do or skills we lack. We look for the grand task, and You give us the common work of loving and caring for those near at hand. We look for recognition, and You want others to see You more.

Loving Jesus, gentle friend and compassionate teacher, take us by the hand and lead us into Your future, assured of Your presence and encouragement ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE #568**

Amen
Words: Traditional; Music by Marty Haugen

Glory to God

Amen, amen, amen!
Amen, amen, amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Stewart Smith

CHILDREN'S SONG #591 (Refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Traditional Caribbean Melody

Glory to God

Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah! Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
[Repeat song]

ANTHEM

Lamb of God
Words and Music by Twila Paris
Arranged by Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir
Michael Hanna, flute
SungKun Jung, piano

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love, they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in Your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
‘Til I am just a lamb of God, of God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 1:29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

SERMON

Andrew - A Model for Epiphany

Rev. Stewart Smith

PARTICIPANTS

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Organist – Xiao McCollum

Pianist/Choral Accompanist – SungKun Jung

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