



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Worship begins with the prelude.
Please listen in silence as we prepare our hearts for the worship of God.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

“Andante”

W. A. Mozart

George Atwell, Interim Music Director

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Susan Haynes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Elwell

Leader: Jesus calls us to be salt for the earth.

People: Jesus calls us to be a light for the world.

Leader: Just as no one hides a lamp away,

People: Jesus calls us to offer the world what only we can give.

Leader: In these moments of worship,

People: we will listen, we will be present, we will prepare ourselves to be salt and light,

All: as together we worship God.

***HYMN #309**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison)

Gracious God,

we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith.

You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice

and righteousness and love.

But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier.

And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high.

One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray.

Startle our senses and disrupt our routines.

Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world.

May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE

Hymn #847 -verse 4

“Our Hope, Our Life”

O WALY WALY

*Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:
the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Elwell

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 11

Bob Elwell

Page 468 OT /Page 608 OT large print
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Go to the World”

Karen Marroilli

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Page 4 NT /Page 5 NT large print
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SERMON

“Eternal Flames”

Rev. Susan Haynes

*HYMN #314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

“Dreams”

Robert Schumann

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING

Hymn #707 -verse 4

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

*Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bob Elwell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed Bob Elwell

**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.**

***HYMN #459** "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING SONG** "Go Now in Peace" Besig/Price

*Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

POSTLUDE "Sonata in G" L. van Beethoven

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Nancy Goodson to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of her husband, Sam.*