

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

from John 1:1-2, 4-5

L In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

C The Word was God, and He was in the beginning with God.

L in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #476)

Worship from the Psalms

L Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

C For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

L He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

C He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

L He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

C He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold?

L He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

C He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

L He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

C Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Regardless of all the good gifts you give us, we still choose to go our own way. Despite your generous gifts of grace and mercy, we still decide to live for ourselves. You invite us to join you in a relationship of love, and we prefer our self-centeredness and our loneliness. Lord, please forgive us for our selfish hearts and our wayward ways. Forgive our misplaced desires and our misdirected thoughts. Guide us back to into your loving arms so that in your presence, we might live lives of gratitude and praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from John 3:16-17)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

"The Word Was God"

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one

has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD's WORD

* Hymn

Call to the Table

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is truly right and our greatest joy ... we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

C When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

L We give you thanks, that on the night before he died ... Let us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

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

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #29)

*Blessing and Benediction

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

Departing Music

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January 4th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Lynn Yarnell, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.



Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.

The **Per Capita** apportionment for 2026 is **\$40.71**. Contributing this amount in addition to your pledge helps our congregation pay our allotment and supports the broader church.

Congregational Life meets on Thursday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Reports are due by Sunday, January 11th. If you have any questions, please talk with Bruce.

Connect to the Community meets on Tuesday, January 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Session meets Monday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Bedding and Towel Collection** for the Salvation Army starts on Sunday, January 18th. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to accept and sort donations.

The next **Friendship Luncheon** is on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Hill's. Please sign up.

The **Connections Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 21st. They will be reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis!

Our **special music** is *The Word Was God* by Rosephanye Powell, sung by: The Choirs of Trinity Church, Boston, MA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdwWZboW4WM>

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

SIMMONS CROSSING: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights

of Your Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
true hu - mil - i - ty; Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes;
of Your plans for us— Truths un - changed from the dawn of time

Shape and fash - ion us in Your like ness, That the light of Christ
In the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise;
That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand

might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - poses for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail—Let their truth prevail o - ver un - belief.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.