

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Maggie Hayward

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Maggie Hayward

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #607 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Scout

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

*BLESSING OF FOOD Kent Hamaker

*BENEDICTION Maggie Hayward

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord arr. Christina Mathis

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Thanks to Rev. Maggie Hayward for being our guest preacher and worship leader. We’re grateful for Scout Troop 647 for helping lead us in worship and the support of Lourdes Gonzalez, the Chartering Organization Representative. Today’s Usher is Mary Gibson. Coffee hour is hosted by the Congregational Care & Membership Team. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church’s website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children’s activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the “Teen Lounge,” which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.



SCOUT SUNDAY & SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Caitlin Culp, **Pastor**
Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**
Melissa McMahan, **Music Director**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

February 8, 2026 5th Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 am

(*) You’re invited to stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Softly and Tenderly/I Have Decided arr. Lily Topolski

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS Susan Tarr

*CALL TO WORSHIP Scout

One: Though many, we form one body in Christ.
All: We belong to one another.
One: By God’s grace we have different gifts.
All: We will use them in faith.
One: Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble, be constant in prayer.
All: Filled with God’s Spirit we will serve the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Rev. Maggie Hayward

God, all that you require of us is to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. We confess we are entangled in systems that trade justice for the luxury of the few. Forgive us for fearing the risks of following you. Forgive us for failing to trust the grace you give freely. Teach us again that we cannot earn your grace, only humbly accept it. Audacious Spirit, give us the courage to do your justice. Compassionate Christ, teach us to love kindness and to share each other’s burdens gladly. Silent prayer...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Maggie Hayward

*RESPONSE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE Maggie Hayward

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.

ANTHEM Christ Has Broken Down the Wall by Mark Miller

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Scout

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-20 Scout

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Scout

SECOND SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:1-12 Maggie Hayward

SERMON “Restorers of Streets to Live In” Maggie Hayward

*HYMN #169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (from The Belhar Confession)

One: We share one faith,
All: have one calling,
One: are of one soul and one mind;
All: have one God and Creator,
One: are filled with one Spirit,
All: are baptized with one baptism,
One: eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
All: confess one Name,
One: are obedient to one Lord,
All: work for one cause, and share one hope.
One: Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
All: are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
One: know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
All: that we need one another and up build one another,
One: admonishing and comforting one another;
All: that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.
One: Together we pray;
All: together we serve God in this world.
One: In the name of Jesus, who calls us to unity, reconciliation, and justice. Amen.



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12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

6:00-7:00pm Ashes Come and Go: Sanctuary

Children & Youth Bowling Event: Sunday, February 22nd

1:00pm Bowl America Falls Church

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1:00pm Fellowship Hall

Board Games and Lunch for All: Sunday, March 22nd

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Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 29th

11:00am: Sanctuary/Zoom

Maundy Thursday with EIPC: Thursday, April 2nd

6:00pm Dinner: Fellowship Hall

6:45pm Worship: Sanctuary/Zoom

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