

Order of Worship for January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson
~Remote worship due to inclement weather~



“Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew” by Caravaggio | from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson is a church for all people, each of us being unique and created in the image of God.

We believe God’s unconditional love and grace, as revealed through Jesus Christ, does not distinguish among God’s people based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ability, or disability.

All are children of God, and all are welcome with joy in our Sanctuary. We strive to provide an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Call to Worship

from Life in Liturgy

One: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

All: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

All: Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

One: We practice our faith in many different ways.

All: Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

One: We render different forms of ministry.

All: Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

One: Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

All: Praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

Gloria Patri (#579):

**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, amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Children's Message

Sermon: "Deeper than Difference"

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response: "We Are One in the Spirit"

Affirmation of Faith: Merton Prayer

visual liturgy from The Work of The People

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer ☩

Prayer response after each petition:

One: Oh God of love and mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Our time of prayer concludes with 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 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.

Musical Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin (insert)

Blessing and Benediction

Those attending in person are invited to coffee hour in the Fraser Room after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Numbers 6:24-26

Music by
PETER C. LUTKIN

$\text{♩} = 80$

C Dm7/F G7 C Am Am/C

The Lord bless you and keep — you; the Lord lift His coun - te-nance up -

p *cresc.*

G/D D G A7/G Dm7/F G7/F C/E G7/D

on — you, and give you peace, and give you peace; The

decresc.

C C/G G#dim7 Am F C/E C7/E F

Lord, make His face to shine up - on — you, and be gra - cious un - to you, be gra - cious.

cresc. *decresc.*

 Musicnotes

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C7/E A7 Dm C/G G7 C F C

The Lord be gra-cious, gra-cious un - to you. A - men.

p *dim e rit.*

Optional ending (single Amen)