

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 4, 2026
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend David C. Wright

Announcements

Lauren Neely

Minute for Mission Thomas and Cheryl Henry

Sandy Buhrman

Preparation for Worship *What Child is This?*

Arr. Labenske

Call to Worship:

Lauren

Christ has put the door of eternity ajar;

The Light of Life streams into every dismal corner.

Fear and shame flee like shadows before the dawn.

Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

Lift up your eyes and look around!

The Lord will be our everlasting light.

Opening Prayer

Lauren

*** Hymn #233 We Three Kings of Orient Are**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us." You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy.

Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs.

Amen.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept.)

Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16-17

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Scripture Lesson: Psalm 148:1-14

Gary Hughes

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

And he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

Young men and women, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Musical Offering: *Come, Follow that Star* -Price, Besig

Faithful Voices

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-18

Sermon: "The Original Star Trek"

Offering: *Your continuing, generous support of our Church is greatly appreciated. Please use the Offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts, or please mail your offering and tithes to the Church office.*

***Doxology #34**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lauren

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Online Viewers - Pls Scroll down)

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Leading Worship: Pastor David C. Wright

Organist / Choir Director: Deb Wolf

Duty Elder: Lauren Neely

Lay Reader: Gary Hughes

Communion Servers: Phyllis Smith, Lauren Neely, Linda Lapp, Doris Wampler
and Fay Hess (Gluten Free)

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The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

With joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.

In sending Christ the Light of the world, you revealed your glory to the nations. You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem, that they might worship Christ. Your signs and witnesses in every place to worship him. We praise you that in him we become your children, baptized into your service.

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Words of Institution

The Bread and The Cup:

As the Sacrament is being served, please enter a time of prayer. Please hold the bread; we will eat together as a sign of our unity in Christ. If you seek a gluten-free communion bread, please indicate to one of the servers. Please drink the cup when you are served, a sign of your personal relationship with Christ.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn: "Stone by Stone" (See screen.)**

Postlude: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Labenske