

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 18, 2026

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

A TIME OF SHARING

SUNG INTROIT Be Still and Know

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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One: God who is One, You call us to be one,

MANY: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

One: God who is Three, You call us to be community,

MANY: May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

One: God who calls us all by Your name,

MANY: May find our place in Your eternal family.

<http://godspace.wordpress.com/>

***OPENING PRAYER**

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Almighty God, as we gather in this place to worship you, we know that all across the globe, men and women, children and youths, gather as well to be your church in all times, in all places, in all languages, in all cultures.

Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal, that all who gather in your name and all who praise you may feel your presence, know your will, and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do. We pray in the name of the One God. Amen.

~ written by Kristin Holbrook, and posted on the Roanoke UMC website.

HYMN

O Holy Dove of God Descending

#285

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace. When we could see our brother Jesus in others, we turn away from those who are unlike us, who scare us. When we could offer peace to those around us, we break our promises, we hoard grudges in our hearts, we pander to prejudice.

When we could speak of hope, we fling words that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with all people, we try to push them as far away from us as possible.

Redeem us, Lover of Peace, and pour out your grace upon us. May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen souls,

may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts we have damaged, may we be as trusting and vulnerable as a little child, as we follow Jesus.

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. Visit that site for many other excellent worship resources. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever.

MANY: FROM THIS DAY TO THE END OF ETERNITY, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN: CITIZENS OF GOD'S KINGDOM, BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE. AMEN.

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SUNG RESPONSE

Adapted from #769

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Hear our prayer, O God,

Hear our prayer, O God,

Hear our prayer, O God,

And grant us your peace.

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I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 133, Ephesians 4:3-6, John 1:29-42

HYMN Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers #397

MEDITATION **For the Common Good**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER **Screen**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** **Screen**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **Screen**

**Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May
they be used to bring heaven to the earth.**

HYMN In Christ There is No East or West #395

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Credits: CCLI #48321379,

Liturgy: As found on the screen

Photos: L. O’K, Google Images, Chelsea B,

*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, “Stand in body or spirit as you are able” is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details

01/23 - Bible Study at church at 10 am

02/09 - Blood Drive 2 to 6:30 PM

02/15 - Annual Meeting

02/16 - Council Meeting at 6 PM

02/18 - Ash Wednesday

02/22 - Chili Dinner

If you have something to share before a Sunday worship, please call, text or email Pastor Bonnie. She will include it in the bulletin or announce it from the pulpit. This will help us streamline our announcements.

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O’K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Mary and Tom G., Lucy K. and Steve M.

Birthdays: Cliff B. and Polly E. share tomorrow as their birthdate, Rebecca O’s birthday is on Tuesday, the 20th.

Anniversaries: John and Polly celebrate their anniversary on Tuesday!

Greeters for This Week: Bernie C. and Jill P.

Greeters for Next Week: Vicki and Eugene D.

Liturgist for This Week: Bernie C.

Liturgist for Next Week: Bernice D.

Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.