



Sunday Worship

January 26, 2025

Draw near to God

for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

Lord, make us ready for great service in your name.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us.

Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

***HYMN #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, you know us completely, how mean we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:14-21

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #634** To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *REFRAIN*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

SERMON The Joy of Faith

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious, eternal, mysterious God, we bring our gifts with hopeful and faithful spirits. Bless the offering of these gifts and our lives that new hope and new possibilities are made real in the lives of those whom we serve in following Jesus. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

***HYMN #39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 26, 2025

This week's carillon is in memory of Flora Daniels. Flora was a matriarch and grandmother of Sharon Daniels Ruth.

WELCOME JENNIFER STEVENS AND DAUGHTER HAZEL: who are our guest musicians this week.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Immediately following the worship service will be the annual meeting of the congregation to elect new officers as well as the nominating committee, vote on the pastor's terms of call and receive the church budget. Reports are available on the table outside the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the business, all are invited to adjourn to Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch.

BOOK CLUB: The discussion group will begin on February 2 following worship.

BIBLE STUDY: A new study will begin tomorrow, January 27, 9:30 am in our Fellowship Hall. The study is on The Sermon on the Mount. These challenging words provide us with a road map for living as God would have us live.

YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL SUNDAY HOAGIE SALE: To help fund this summer's mission trip, the group will be selling hoagies on February 9. Please place your order by filling out the form at the end of the announcements and putting it either in the offering plate or by handing it to a Youth Group member who will be available in Fellowship Hall following worship. You can also call the church office. Cost: \$8

POSSIBLE FLEA MARKET EVENT: Would you be interested in participating in a Flea Market? Tables would be provided for a fee. Participants bring their own items and keep the proceeds. Possible dates are April 26, May 3rd rain date. Please contact the church office if interested.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: February 7, 6:00 – 8:00. It's a potluck supper at The Anchor Church. We will be making "Heart-Felt" treat bags for local first responders. The theme is "RED" (thinking Valentine's Day). Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for canned stewed, sauce, or paste tomatoes. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

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| January 26 | 10:00 am | Worship and Sunday School followed by our Annual congregational meeting and Pot Luck Lunch. |
| | 4:00 pm | Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service |
| January 27 | 9:30 am | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting |
| January 28 | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting on Zoom |
| January 29 | 12:00 pm | Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship |

Elder of the month: Janice Propsner **Deacon of the month:** Dana Daniels
Ushers: Jim and Sue Hampton **Sunday School:** Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Pat Pizza



Church Staff
Susan Fall, Pastor
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator
Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager



Super Bowl Hoagie Sale



February 9

YUM!

Pick-up following worship

Cost: \$8

Orders will be taken following worship or
you may call the church office*

All Proceeds will be used for the Youth Group summer mission trip to West Virginia

Name: _____

Phone: _____

ALL HOAGIES COME WITH A SIDE OF ITALIAN DRESSING

Italian Hoagies: (Everything - Meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion)

with everything _____

Please describe what you would like on special orders and the number of each:

Turkey Hoagies: (Everything - Turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion)

with everything _____

Please describe what you would like on special orders and the number of each:

Vegetarian Hoagies: (Everything - cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion)

with everything _____

Please describe what you would like on special orders and the number of each:

Total paid: _____