

Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world! - John 1:29



Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN
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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – January 18, 2026

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *I'd Rather Have Jesus* by Shea

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Listen, all you who are far away and near: The Lord has called us from the womb, and named us as God's own.

We come to listen for God's voice.

John points and says, "Here is the Lamb of God." Others hear the call and follow.

We come to see and to stay.

Come, worship the God who calls, reveals, and sends.

We come, ready to follow. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Call to Confession –

Before the One who knows us fully and calls us in love, we come honestly, aware of our need for grace. Let us confess our sin and seek God's mercy together

Prayer of Confession –

Faithful God, you call us by name and invite us into your light, yet we confess that we often do not recognize your voice. We cling to familiar paths, even when you call us toward something new. We hesitate to follow, afraid of where your leading might take us. Forgive us when we fail to trust your call. Forgive us when we turn inward instead of bearing your light to others. Renew our hearts, O God. Help us to listen, to follow, and to witness to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent confession.

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news: The One who calls you is faithful. The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

Song of Assurance #583 “Glory to God”

Passing the Peace —

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination —

Let us Pray: Living God, you speak to your people and reveal yourself in Christ. Send your Holy Spirit now to open our ears to hear your voice, our minds to understand your Word, and our hearts to follow where you lead. May your Word be a light for our path and a call we cannot ignore.

Amen.

Epistle Reading — Isaiah 9:1-4

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Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan.

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem #829 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Reading — John 1:29-42

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29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” 39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #279 "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

Gracious God,
you call your servant to be a light to the nations
and invite your people to follow your Son.
We bring before you the needs of the world you love.

We pray for your Church,
that we may listen for your voice
and faithfully bear witness to your grace.
Make us courageous in our calling
and humble in our service.

We pray for the nations of the world,
for leaders and communities longing for justice and peace.
Let your light shine where there is violence, division, or despair.

We pray for those who feel unseen or unheard,
for those who wonder if their lives have meaning or purpose.
Call them by name, O God,
and surround them with your love.

We pray for those who are sick, grieving, or weary,

for those carrying heavy burdens,
and for all who seek healing and hope.
Be near to them and grant them strength.

We pray for ourselves,
that we may recognize Christ among us
and respond with faithful hearts.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Lamb of God and light of the world.

We pray this in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

Call to Offering —

God calls us not only to follow, but to share what we have received. With grateful hearts, let us offer our gifts — that God's light may be made known through us. **Amen.**

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. by Greer

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Generous God, you have called us by name and blessed us with abundance. Receive these gifts, we pray, and use them for the work of your kingdom. May what we offer today bear witness to your love, bring light to those in need, and glorify your holy name. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Charge —

Benediction —

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King by De Giardini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Directory: There are three copies of the rough for our updated directory. They are spread out in the narthex. Please take a moment to look at one of them and make any changes that you see fit for your listing. You can write make corrections on top of the printed rough. If everything looks right, please put a checkmark next to your family's listing. This will be helpful not only for the office but for Sandy as she joins us in March.

All Congregational Meeting: Grace's Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 25, following the service. We'll also installing our new class of leaders during the that service.

Session to Meet on January 25th: For those who participate in this meeting please note how we are meeting on the last Sunday of the month (not the third). If you are responsible for a report, please get it to the church office by Tuesday, January 20th. For many of you, this might be two months of reports.

2026 Per Capita: The new PCUSA 2026 per capita is now \$46.02. Check or money can be given to JoAnn or placed in the offering plate with notice of what it's intended for.

Birthdays

Cathy German – January 17*

**Missed from last week's bulletin*

Anniversaries

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962
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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11 with refrain

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Glory to God

583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a canon.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
 Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,

with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a

sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1707, alt.
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wear it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Cruly, 1867
 MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

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