



*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they
may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5: 16

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – February 8, 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus by Converse

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Blessed are those who delight in the Lord.

We come to rejoice in God's ways.

In the darkness, God gives light to the upright.

We come seeking God's light and truth.

Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth."

Make our lives faithful and full of grace.

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world."

Help us shine with love for your glory.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

With grateful hearts, we worship God!

Opening Hymn #667 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Call to Confession –

God calls us to be salt and light—to live with integrity, courage, and compassion.

Yet we confess: we often hide our light, lose our savor, and settle for a faith that stays private and safe. Trusting God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession –

Merciful God, you call us to live as people who shine with your goodness, but we confess that we sometimes blend in rather than stand out in love. When the world needs light, we grow quiet. When the world needs truth, we choose comfort. When the world needs generosity, we hold back. When the world

needs justice, we look away. Forgive us for dimming what you have placed within us. Restore in us a steady spirit—that we may delight in your ways, do good with open hands, and follow Jesus with sincere hearts. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news: The Light of the world has come near to us in Jesus Christ. God does not leave us in darkness or shame.

Thanks be to God.

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: Holy Spirit, shine your light upon the Scriptures and upon our hearts. Open our minds to understand, soften our wills to obey, and strengthen our lives to reflect Christ—so that what we hear today becomes faithfulness we live. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Psalm 112:1-9

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Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, the

generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Choir Anthem #377 *“I want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Matthew 5:13-20

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“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Message

A Porch Light for a New Beginning

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 #753 *"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

God of light and mercy,
you call us to be salt and light in the world.
Make our hearts steady in you and our hands open in love.

We pray for your Church:
renew our faithfulness, our unity, and our courage to serve.
Help us shine with compassion and truth.

We pray for the world and its leaders:
give wisdom where decisions are heavy,
justice where systems are broken,
and peace where violence and fear prevail.

We pray for all in need:
the sick and recovering, the grieving, the lonely,
the poor and those facing hardship.
Bring comfort, healing, and daily bread.

We pray for our community and for our own lives:
teach us to live what we confess,
to delight in your ways,
and to do good with joy and generosity.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world, who taught us to pray...

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

In Psalm 112 we hear of those who trust the Lord: they are steady-hearted, open-handed, and generous toward those in need. Jesus tells us our light is meant to be seen—so that God may be glorified through lives of love. Let us offer our gifts with gratitude, that our generosity may reflect God’s goodness in the world.

Offertory *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. by Thygerson

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we bring to feed the hungry, encourage the weary, and strengthen the witness of your Church. Make us steadfast in faith and rich in good works, so that our light may shine in ways that point to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #722 “*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Nature’s Majesty* by Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Super Bowl of Caring: We are collecting canned soup and monetary donations for those in need (our gifts going to United Faith’s Food Bank). You can even vote for who you think will win this year’s Super Bowl by placing your items on the Seahawks or Patriots side of the

table. Don't forget, we're having a soup and salad meal to follow the service. Everyone's invited.

Scout Sunday: Next week, Sunday, February 15th, will be our annual Scout Sunday. Members who have participated in scouting programs in the past are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

Ash Wednesday: Grace will be celebrating the start of Lent with The Worshiping Community (United Faith) at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 18th. The service will be at their campus, 1616 West Main St.

Lenten Bible Study: Grace's annual Lenten Bible study will begin on Wednesday, February 25th. The weekly study will run from 5:30=6:30 PM. There will be a thirty-minute fellowship time before we begin (at 5:00 PM). Those attending are encouraged to bring their dinners to eat during that time.

This is a book study and our material this time is *Jesus' Last Teachings: A Lenten Study of Jesus' Last Week*, by Margaret Williamson. You can sign up for the study or for us to order you a copy of the book in the narthex or by contacting Holly Bouthot.

Sandy's Examination Roadshow: Sandy Garcia (Grace's soon-to-be pastor) is almost finished with her race to ordination. Her next step is an examination before the Presbytery. If you'd like to attend to show your support, it is being held at New Presbyterian Church, 12550 Brooks School rd., Fishers, 10:00 AM, on February 28th. If you'd like to go but don't want to drive, a bus from First Presbyterian is also going. To reserve a spot call Sandy, 323.718.777. Seats are limited.

Save the Date-Ordination: Sandy's ordination is set for March 15th, at 3 PM.

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

Courtney Lehman* - February 4

JoAnn Getts* - February 7

Derek Palmer - February 11

Barbara Springer - February 14

Anniversaries

*missed from previous bulletins

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

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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Glory to God

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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

GLORIA (Taizé)

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

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un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.

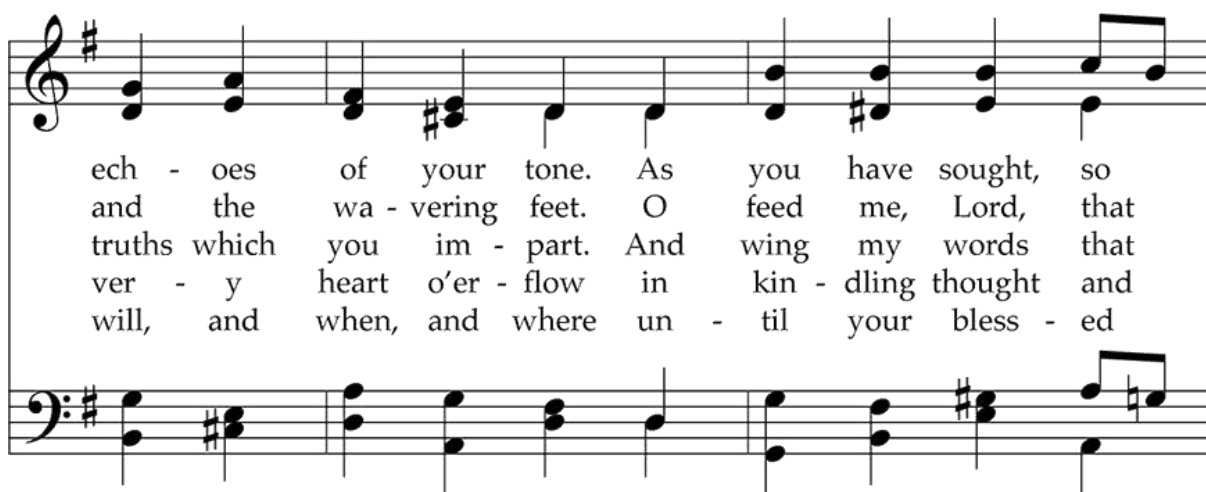
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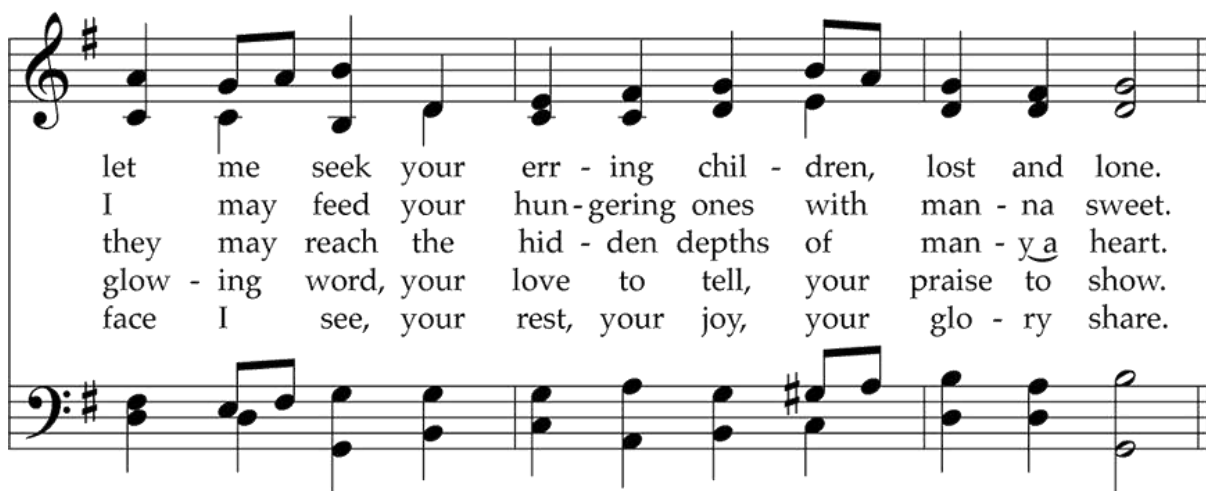
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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