

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 08, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Give Me Jesus”

African American spiritual
arr. Marques L.A. Garrett

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

God calls us to be light.

To a world where every greed is fed until there is no taste to life,

God calls us to be salt.

To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

God calls us to be faithful.

Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Light of the world,

be our light this day.

Creator of life,

preserve our life this day.

Holy God,

pour out your righteousness on us this day.

Light of the world,

we gather to praise you on this day, with our hearts, song, and minds.

SING

“For the Healing of the Nations”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In silence, we contemplate the injustices that exist in this community.

(Provide a time of silence.)

God of grace,

forgive us.

In silence, we lament the ways our community has fallen short
of shining a light on God's ways.

(Provide a time of silence.)

God of grace,

forgive us.

For times when we have let the busyness of life dominate and oppress,
forgive us.

For times when we have turned away from needs and troubles of and in community,
forgive us.

Guide us as we practice righteousness and conduct our affairs generously.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has heard our prayers and comes with the light of mercy.

We will share this good news.

We will praise God's name.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:13-20

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first four staves are for a soprano voice, and the fifth staff is for a piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and harmonic chords. The lyrics are as follows:

1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,

4. This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go,
Je - sus gave it to me,

7. I'm gon-na let it shine; This lit - tle light of mine
I'm gon-na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I go,
I'm gon-na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to me,

10. I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,
I'm gon-na let it shine, Let it shine,

13. let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine.

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of every good gift, we stand before you,
bathed in your brilliance and warmed by your love,
so grateful for the blessings you have generously given us.
Receive our tithes and offerings, to help bring about your reign –
where your light cannot be hidden
and where our good works will give you glory.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING

Go now, beloved, to follow the love of God
to be surprised by God's wonder to lift your voice for love and compassion.
Dare to believe that you are people on a mission of healing and grace.
Feel God's encouragement to be a blessing
as you offer blessings with your heart and hands
and know that you never, ever go alone.
Amen? Amen.

POSTLUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Johann Gottfried Walther