



Sunday, January 11, 2026
First Sunday after Epiphany

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

Prelude

Prelude in F Major
Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 113:4-9

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

Introit

"This is the Day"

IPC Singers

Music: Mark Patterson

Text: Mark Patterson, based on Psalm 118:24

*Call to Worship

Spencer Bliven

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God. (from Psalm 86:8-10)

***Hymn of Praise #411 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you.

People: You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news!

People: Who is in a position to condemn?

Leader: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. (based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives

Leader: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

People: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:2-6)

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"

IPC Singers

Music: Hugh Porter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:6 (p. 737)

Spencer Bliven

New Testament Reading

Luke 2: 21-40 (p. 1028)

Sermon

"An Unexpected Reveal"

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #309** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Joël Duss, Elder for Communication
& Membership Involvement

Offertory

"I Will Extol the Lord"

IPC Singers

Music: Stan Pethel

Text: Stan Pethel, based on Psalm 34

***Doxology #592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayers of the People

Joël Duss

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming Guests & Announcements

Joël Duss

***Hymn of Dedication #603** "Song of Simeon"

***Sending and Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Choral Benediction

"May the Grace of the Lord"

IPC Singers

Music: Ken Barker; Text: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Postlude

Fantasy in G Major BWV 572

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

***Please stand if you are able.**

Today's cover art is Rembrandt's Simeon in the Temple (c. 1669). This oil on canvas work is understood to be Rembrandt's final painting, one that was perhaps left unfinished at his death. Art historians speculate that the woman, representing either Mary or Anna the Prophetess, was added by a student of Rembrandt's after his death. The painting is part of the collection of the National Museum in Stockholm, Sweden.