



Sunday, January 18, 2026  
Second 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

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### Prelude

"Plein jeu" from the Gloria of the *Mass for the Monasteries*  
François Couperin (1668-1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### Psalm of the Day - Psalm 2:7-12

I will proclaim the Lord's decree:  
He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have become your father.  
Ask me,  
and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.  
You will break them with a rod of iron<sup>[a]</sup>;  
you will dash them to pieces like pottery."  
Therefore, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.  
Serve the Lord with fear  
and celebrate his rule with trembling.  
Kiss his son, or he will be angry  
and your way will lead to your destruction,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### Introit

"Christ Is the World's Light"  
Music: Christe Sanctorum (Paris Antiphoner, 1681)

IPC Singers

### \*Call to Worship

Dorothy Kwan

Leader: Come to worship. Come to adore. Come to give honor. Come to give praise.

**People: We come to you, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.  
For you are great and do marvelous things. You alone are God.**

### \*Hymn of Praise "Turn Your Eyes" (see insert)

Youth Band

## **Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us, forgiving us in your mercy for all the sins we have committed. We have willfully misused your gifts of creation;

**People: Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin.**

Leader: We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid; we have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

**People: Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin.**

Leader: We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

**People: Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin.**

Leader: We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves;

**People: Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon** “This Is Amazing Grace” (*insert*) Youth Band & Congregation

## **God’s Gracious Will for Our Lives** (Micah 6:8)

Leader: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

**People: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

**\*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 42:1-4 (p. 728)

Dorothy Kwan

### **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 967)

### **Sermon**

“Good Different – Jesus, the Son of God”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response #71** “Lord, When You Came to Jordan”

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Blesson George, Elder for  
Outreach & Missions

**Offertory #428** “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Congregation

**\*Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayers of the People**

Blesson George

**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**

Blesson George

**Moment for Mission**

Claire Schnellmann

**\*Hymn of Dedication** “In Christ Alone” (*see insert*)

Youth Band & Congregation

**\*Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Choral Benediction**

“May the Grace of the Lord”

IPC Singers

Music: Ken Barker

**Postlude**

*Allabreve* in D Major BWV 589

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

*Today’s bulletin cover features a depiction of the baptism of Jesus from approximately 1334 A.D. This illustration is from an Armenian evangelistary, a book containing parts of the gospels which was used during worship.*

### **Youth Band**

Singers	Deeya Akshintala, Elka van Staden, Johan Blesson
Keyboard	Aaron Cherukara
Violin	Sayuri Numao
Oboe	Tessa Henne
Bassoon	Yuuki Numao
Clarinet	Samuel Soluch
Electric Guitar	Prashan Richard
Helpers	Benjamin Duncan, Jam Wafy, Charlie Thomsen, Jonathan Gan, Jonah Bagajo, Ewa Soluch, Piotr Soluch