

Welcome to Church of Christ
January 4, 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Christmas & Communion
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude

Call to Worship

~Kristin Mudge

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing the glory of God's name;
give to the Lord glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: "All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God has done!

**People: God has done awesome deeds among mortals!
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!**

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

Hymn 689 *One Bread, One Body*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Vs 2 One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Vs 3 One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All are welcome to partake. Grape juice, not wine, is served.

Invitation

Consecration and Service

Prayer of Gratitude (unison) – Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen

Scripture John 1:35-51

~Kristin Mudge

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Sermon "Sights for Sore Eyes"

Hymn 248 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Vs 2 I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Vs 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all; the night

and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Light of Service *Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO)* ~Liz Allyn

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 231 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Vs 2 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Vs 3 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Vs 4 Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping

the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Elizabeth Norman, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kelly, Kim, Susannah, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Andrea Bargabos (Liz Allyn's friend), Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father), Lisa Dedon, Ernest Dibble (David Bourne's uncle), Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother), Allen Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Shaw Mudge (Grant Mudge's brother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnnyder, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Ryan Sterba, Wendy Sullenberger (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

Those who are grieving

the families of:

George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Lori Hoyt, Jimmy Irving, Harold King, Warren Leech, John Marinelli, Avery Nelson, Mary Sager, Mimi Wilson

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Syria, particularly the Christian community, St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, SHOFCO (Shining Hope for Communities)