

*Those who are able, please stand.

LITURGIST: Claire Drumheller

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Children's worship folders are available in the Narthex.
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare
available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.

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Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper,
or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will
encounter the living Christ and be strengthened
by God's promises for you.

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more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are
happy to have you as part of our church family today!

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
WORSHIPING WITH JOY, GROWING IN FAITH, SERVING IN LOVE

JANUARY 18, 2026

10:30 AM

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship,
please silence any mobile devices.
This service is live streamed on YouTube.

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....J.S. Bach
Wer nun den lieben Gott

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....Covenant Ringers
There Is a Balm in Gilead - arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 40)

Leader: Wait patiently for the Lord,
for the Lord hears our cries!

People: Sing praises to the Lord our God!

Leader: Trust in the Lord! Do not be afraid!

**People: Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
for the Lord is our deliverer!**

*HYMN No. 2087.....Paris
We Will Glorify the King of Kings

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God our Creator, we confess that we are not the people you created us to be, nor the disciples your Son calls us to be. We are quick to doubt, slow to believe, and slower still to follow where you lead. We are selfish instead of self-sacrificing, satisfying our own desires instead of meeting the needs of our neighbors. We are too seldom righteous, and too often self-righteous. Merciful God, forgive us. By your Spirit, inspire us to be more faithful, fruitful disciples, day by day. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 2143**
*O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love.*

ANTHEM.....Covenant Ringers
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah - arr. Bill Ingram

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Hymn No. 288
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

FIRST READING..... Pg. 112 of the New Testament, Pew Bible
John 1:19-42

SECOND READING..... Pg. 301 of the New Testament, Pew Bible
Revelation 5:11-14
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON
“THE LAMB OF GOD”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith “Jesus”)**
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,

healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

***HYMN No. 163.....ST. PETER**
Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Larson
Lamb of God

PRAYER

***HYMN No. 443.....GREEN**
There Is a Redeemer

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL RESPONSE.....ENVIADO**
The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

POSTLUDE.....Hayes
Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly
while the Postlude is being played.)

HYMN No. 2087

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

**We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness,
we will worship him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
he is Lord of all who live;
he is Lord above the universe,
all praise to him we give.**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb,
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.**

HYMN No. 163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

**Wild and lone the prophet's voice
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized;
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control.**

**"Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God's store."**

**With such preaching, stark and bold,
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John
to behold the Lamb of God.**

HYMN No. 443

There Is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory,
I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**