



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Adagio, Op. 65 No. 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! (Those who are able may stand.)

People of God, why are you here? **We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship.

Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

*HYMN 377

HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CALL TO CONFESSION

We who have received much have not always been grateful. We who have been called to work with God for the good of others as well as ourselves have often been selfish. In the knowledge of our weakness, ignorance and deliberate choice, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

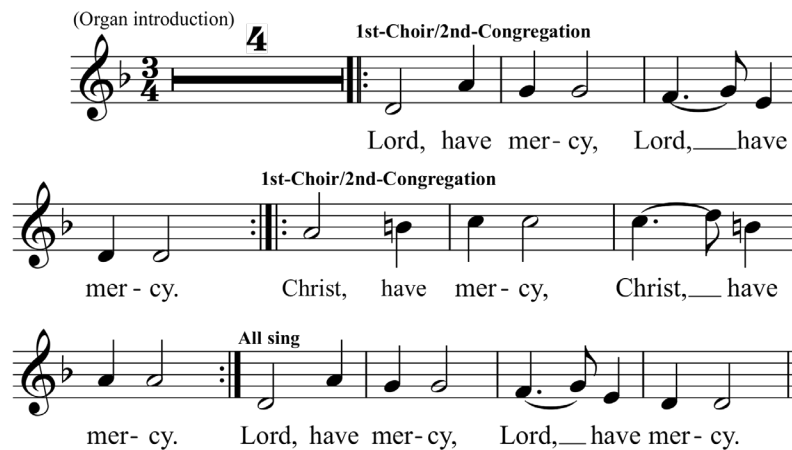
**Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.
We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy.
Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,
and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight.
Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness
and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Organ introduction) **4** **1st-Choir/2nd-Congregation**



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have
mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have
mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

ACT OF PRAISE

Glori Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Matthew 5:13-20

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 58:6-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Who You Are"

Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Confession of 1967)

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

He Comes to Us

Jane M. Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown,
without a name, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside He came,
He came to those men who knew Him not,
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:
"Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!"
and sets us to the tasks which
He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands.
And to those who obey Him,
whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself, reveal Himself
in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through
in His fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery,
they shall learn, shall learn,
shall learn in their own experience
Who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovreign meek and lowly.

Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master, Thou hast won
My heart to serve Thee solely!

Thou art holy, Fair and glorious,
all victorious, Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God, we give these gifts in gratitude for your blessing.
We give these gifts with hope, as we hunger and thirst for righteousness.
May our offerings of money, time, and talent be used
To comfort those who mourn, to extend mercy, to make peace,
To help us all more clearly see and live your presence in our lives and in
our world. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING

***HYMN 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

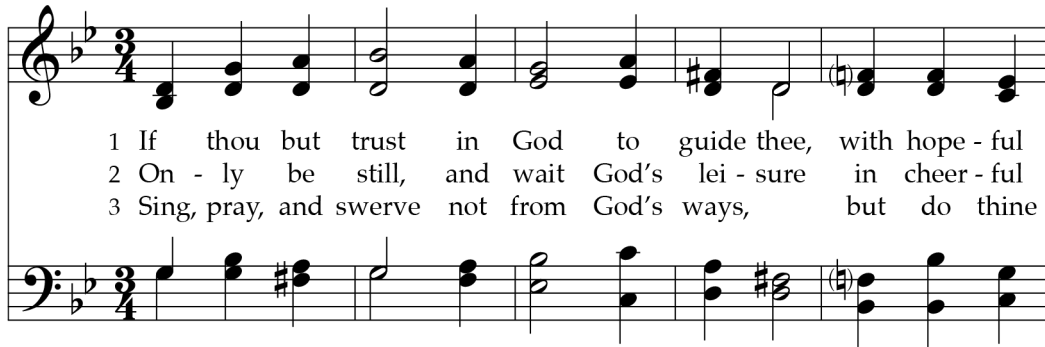
***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

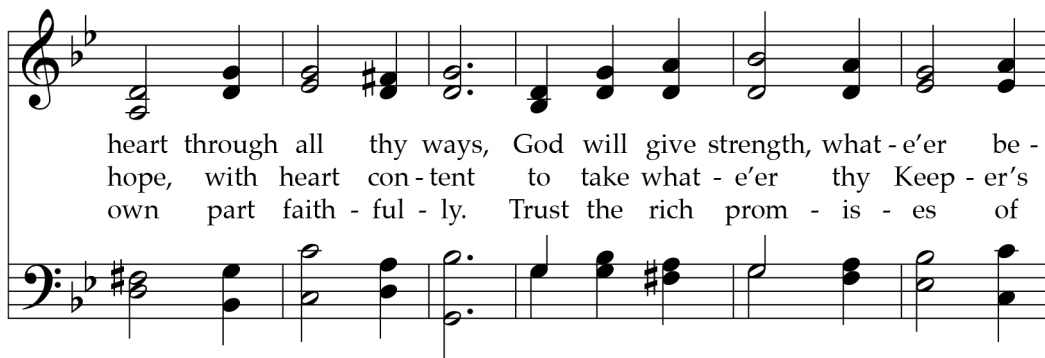
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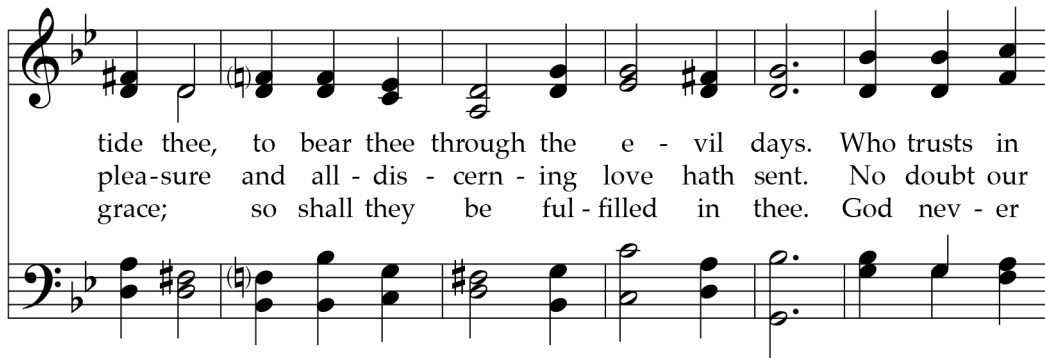
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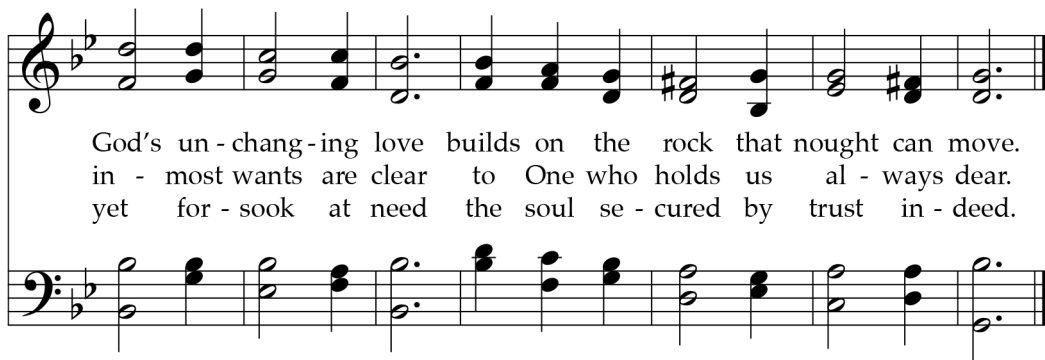
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Rev. Ashley Higgins
Associate Pastor for Young Families

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Music

Westminster Choir

John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist
Associate Director of Music Ministries

Children's Ministry

Join us at St Luke's Community House, 5601 New York Ave, Nashville, TN 37209, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, in their gym for fun and service!

Parents, you may drop off and pick up at the designated times, or you are welcome to hang out and visit.

Youth Ministry

The Youth will tailgate in the parking lot of St. Lukes at the same time as the Children's Ministry. We'll have games, donuts, conversation, and a service project. Drop in for a little while or stay the whole time.

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Our Mission

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."
(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

Are you up-to-date on all the WPC news?

We send emails out to the congregation and community three plus times a week.

On Monday, we send an email about our mission work. On Wednesdays, we send info about all the events we have going on throughout the month. On Fridays, the Sunday info is included in the email. We also have emails from our Children's, Youth and Young Families ministries. Please scan the QR code to sign up for the emails you would like to receive.



Calendar of Events

February 17

Mardi Gras
Pancake Dinner
& Concert

Postponed

Our Mardi Gras Dinner & Concert has been postponed and will become a summer Ice Cream Social and Concert. More details to come.

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Please join us for a midday service at 11:45 AM or 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

February 21

Food & Faith
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

This year's Food and Faith event will focus on helping faith communities understand the realities of food insecurity in the greater Nashville area and highlighting the many ways they can be part of the solution. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Scan QR code to register.



February 24

WPC Book Group
9:30 AM | Fellowship
10:00 AM | Presentation
Overlook Room

Please join us for a presentation led by Mary Wheeler.
This month, we will meet in the Overlook Room.

February 24

Blood Drive
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Goodpasture Hall

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage, with inventory dropping by 35% in the past month due to low donations, winter weather, and high hospital demand. There is an urgent need for all types, especially Type O (positive/negative), A negative, and B negative.



March 1

Basketball Jamboree
4:30 - 7:30 PM
WPC Gym

Come join us for Westminster's Annual Basketball Jamboree. This is a time where generations battle it out through basketball, community, and fellowship. We would love spectators, as well as teams of all ages and abilities. Please let Julius Hooper, wpckoinoniastaff@gmail.com, for info and to register to play or coach.

March 7

Baking with Ann
9:00 AM - Noon
FH Kitchen

Back by Popular Demand!

Bake scones and galettes and bring some home!
Youth ages 8 and above are welcome to attend with an adult.
Scan QR code to register.



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