

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



John the Baptist Pointing to Jesus
(From the Isenheim Altarpiece)

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" Traditional Spiritual
"Be still and know that I am God." *Psalm 46:10*
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.
God has called each of us before we were born.
It was God who named us.
It is God who claims us.
Christ's light shines in and through us.
Let us show forth our faith by the song of Christ's love in our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God. We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him. But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power. **Jesus seeks that we follow honestly, willing to face our failures in order to grow closer to God.** In that spirit, let us pray as we turn to Christ:

Saving God, we confess that we have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength, rather than in you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption cascades from our lips, and our deeds match our words. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world, those of each and every one of us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE: Refrain to "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" (314)
**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Look! Look!"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Spiritual/Carter

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,
return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Traditional Spiritual

Some background of these spirituals:

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” is a spiritual hymn expressing a heartfelt desire to live like Jesus emphasizing love and holiness rather than just outward ritual. It is a prayer for genuine faith.

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” dates back to the era of slavery and conveys the deep sadness that enslaved people felt at being separated from their families and their native Africa.

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho” is an African-American spiritual about the biblical story where the Israelites, led by Joshua, marched around Jericho shouting and blowing trumpets, symbolizing that God grants victory through faith and obedience, even against overwhelming odds, a metaphor for overcoming oppression or spiritual struggles. It is an allegory for breaking the walls of enslavement with a message of hope!



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Chris Jahr, Liturgist

Mac and Marilyn Whisner, Ushers

Mike and Barb Perry, Jane Elzerman, Greeters

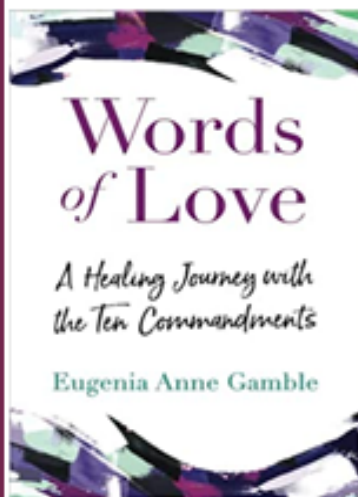
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter

Michael Beery, Music Director

Polly Mauer, Pianist

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK NOOK

You will find a variety of books that will encourage the practice of prayer as the primary means of connecting with God and accessing his power to transform our lives and the world.



Thursdays at 2:00P.M.

The Ten Commandments are more than a list of ancient rules. In *Words of Love*, Eugenia Anne Gamble dives into each of the Ten Commandments and examines their application for modern-day Christians, going beyond the letter of the law to a spiritual truth pointing us toward wholeness and well-being.