

February 22, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Just a Closer Walk with Thee

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Leader: God's love and light have redeemed us.

People: Thanks be to God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #175 Seek Ye First

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Church, hear the Good News: Jesus Christ is present in our lives. Christ is a wellspring of mercy that never runs dry. Know you are forgiven and be at peace!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

Psalm 91:9-16

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Miserere

SECOND READING

Matthew 4:1-17

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Clinging to God

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING

Abide With Me

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 22nd
10:35 AM

Following the service, we will have a brief congregational meeting to elect a new nominating committee, present the budget, and vote on the pastor's terms of call.

Tiny Tunes music class with Emma Kate Lander
Join us Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30 ages 0 to 6
Contact : elander@erpc.org or 410-858-731



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