

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 8:1-3

The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-13

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ... Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 295: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSiON: 1 Peter 5:6-9

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

CORPORATE CONFESSiON: (kneel as able)

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may serve you in newness of life; through the mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE PEACE

† GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)

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.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 238: "My Dear Redeemer and My Lord"

† Congregation stands, if able | * Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth.

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:10-19

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God will stand forever!

Isaiah 40:8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 72, NO. 439:** “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Testing the Son of God

1. First Temptation (vv. 1-4)

2. Second Temptation (vv. 5-7)

3. Third Temptation (vv. 8-11)

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 46. What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A. **The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he, for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.**

Phil. 2:6-8; Luke 1:31; 2 Cor. 8:9; Acts 2:24.

Q. 48. How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A. **Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying his low condition.**

Gal. 4:4; Matt. 5:17; Rom. 5:19; Ps. 22:6; Heb. 12:2-3; Matt. 4:1-12;
Luke 4:13; Heb. 2:17-18; Heb. 4:15; Isa. 52:13-14

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY (with hands lifted)

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

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

† SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full_of your Glo - ry. Ho

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he_ who_ comes____

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in_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 debts,
 As we forgive 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Meditation Silence

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 426: "Till He Come!" (printed on the back cover)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 424: "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

† BENEDICTION: Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† POSTLUDE

"Till He Come"!

1 "Till he come!" O let the words
 linger on the trembling chords;
 let the little while between
 in their golden light be seen;
 let us think how heav'n and home
 lie beyond that "Till he come."

2 When the weary ones we love
 enter on their rest above,
 seems the earth so poor and vast,
 all our life-joy overcast?
 Hush, be ev'ry murmur dumb:
 it is only till he come.

3 Clouds and conflicts round us press:
 would we have one sorrow less?
 All the sharpness of the cross,
 all that tells the world is loss,
 death and darkness, and the tomb,
 Only whisper "Till he come."

4 See, the feast of love is spread,
 drink the wine, and break the bread:
 sweet memorials, till the Lord
 call us round his heav'nly board;
 some from earth, from glory some,
 severed only till he come.