

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 615: "Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† 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 CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Revelation 7:13-14

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, 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. 527: "The Beatitudes"** (vv. 1-4 only)

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the Word of our God will stand forever!

Isaiah 40:8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 21:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† PSALM 72, NO. 662: “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

† GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD:

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

1. The Mourning

2. The Comfort

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, ¹

but belong with body and soul,

both in life and in death, ²

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. ³

He has fully paid for all my sins
 with his precious blood, ⁴
 and has set me free
 from all the power of the devil. ⁵

He also preserves me in such a way ⁶
 that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can
 fall from my head; ⁷
 indeed, all things must work together
 for my salvation. ⁸

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
 he also assures me
 of eternal life ⁹
 and makes me heartily willing and ready
 from now on to live for him.

- 1. 1 Cor 6:19, 20.
- 2. Rom 14:7-9.
- 3. 1 Cor 3:23; Tit 2:14.
- 4. 1 Pet 1:18, 19; 1 Jn 1:7; 2:2.
- 5. Jn 8:34-36 Heb 2:14, 15; 1 Jn 3:8.
- 6. Jn 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess 3:3; 1 Pet 1:5.
- 7. Mt 10:29-31; Lk 21:16-18.
- 8. Rom 8:28.
- 9. Rom 8:15, 16; 2 Cor 1:21, 22; 5:5; Eph 1:13, 14.
- 10. Rom 8:14

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Art Hunt (Ruling Elder), Jud Brownlee (Deacon)

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

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

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. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" (on back page)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 689: "Be Still My Soul"**

† **BENEDICTION: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

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Let Thy blood in mercy poured
 Let Thy gracious body broken
 Be to me O gracious Lord
 Of Thy boundless love the token
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Thou didst die that I might live
 Blessed Lord Thou came'st to save me
 All that love of God could give
 Jesus by His sorrows gave me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow
 By the spear wound and the nailing
 By the pain and death I now claim
 O Christ Thy love unfailing
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Wilt Thou own the gift I bring
 All my penitence I give Thee
 Thou art my exalted King
 Of Thy matchless love forgive me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Johann Crüger, John Brownlie

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