

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 AM Worship Service



Mission Statement

S O W. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

G R O W. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

G O. Back into the world to serve others in His name

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

Nursery Care is available for younger children downstairs in the room across from the Coffee Corner.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, February 8	<i>Hoagie Sale Pick-up - See announcements for pick up times</i>
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM Single worship service with live stream
	6:00 PM Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 11	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (OP)
	7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, February 12	6:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 14	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
	7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)
	9:30 AM Blood Drive
Sunday, February 15	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM Single worship service with Communion & live stream
	6:00 PM Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...



We will begin our next Women's Bible Study called *"Untangling Faith"* by Amberly Neese. ***We will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Office Parlor.*** During this study we will dive into deep questions that will help us reestablish, reinforce, and reclaim our faith. If interested please contact Glenda Ortiz at: secretary@jelc.org.



Hoagie orders are ready for pick-up!

Pick-up dates are Saturday, February 7th from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM and Sunday, February 8th 9:30 AM-10:30 & 11:30-12 PM in the Social Hall

Any questions reach out to Norma Grosick at 610-487-5673.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 14th from 9AM to 2PM in the Social Hall. Scan the QR code to register or visit: Redcrossblood.org/give. Enter zip code 19473 and enter date 2/14/26 in the search box or scroll down list for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



Ash Wednesday Services: Will be on **February 18th**. There will be two services scheduled at Jerusalem Church. Both services will be combined with Heidelberg Church. The first service will be at 12 PM in the Youth Center and second service at 7:30 PM in the JELC Sanctuary. We will have light refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Social Hall after the 7:30 PM service. If

transportation is needed for members wanting to attend service at 12 PM but unable to drive please call the church office for transportation arrangements.



Lenten Soup Suppers: Bread and soup suppers followed by a devotion will be held during the 5 Wednesdays during Lent: ***Feb. 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th & 25th.*** We will gather in the ***Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.*** Everyone is invited to attend. We are asking 2 volunteers to bring a favorite soup to share with the group at each Wednesday supper. Look for sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board & Evite link by email soon



Please be aware that in the **event of cancelations** for worship service or other events due to inclement weather, we will notify the congregation via: Email, Social media announcements, website update, church office voicemail greeting, and phone calls to those that attend that don't have email or access to any electronic notifications. Also, feel free to contact Andy Englehart or Glenda Ortiz for cancelation confirmation.



***Monthly Luncheon - Last Wednesday of the Month
February 25th at 12:30 PM***

Grace's Cafe

273 Schuylkill Road, Phoenixville, PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer ***before February 20th*** to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



Youth and Families! Join us for Winter Jam Concert:
Thursday, February 26th at Santander Arena in Reading PA.
Winter Jam is an incredible night of Christian concert, plus worship and ministry to encourage believers of all ages and share the Gospel. **There are no tickets required. \$15 donation at the door.**
We will meet at the church parking lot at 4PM to car pool.

Doors open at 6PM. Concert starts at 7 PM. Feel free to invite a friend. If interested please contact the church office to be added to our list.



First Communion: Sunday, March 15th (note updated date)
This year First Communion will be ***Sunday, March 15th***. This date will enable the congregation and families of participating children to celebrate this important milestone together.

***Instruction class for First Communion will be held on
Sunday, March 8th. Time to be determined. Stay tuned.***



Nursery Care During Sunday Worship Time

We are rolling out care for children in the Nursery room during the worship service once again. We are in need of volunteers. Please look for sign-up schedule in email. Child abuse clearances are required to be on file by the church. Please contact the church office for assistance in obtaining them if needed. There is no charge for volunteers requesting child abuse clearances, and they are valid for 5 years.

PRELUDE “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*” Miller

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** “*We Are Marching in the Light*”

1. We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching ... Oo
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching ... Oo
we are marching in the light of God.

2. We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing ... Oo

we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing ... Oo
we are singing in the light of God.

3. We are living in the light of God,
we are living in the light of God.
We are living in the light of God,
we are living in the light of God.
We are living ... Oo
we are living in the light of God.
We are living ... Oo
we are living in the light of God.

Words and Music: South African traditional,
Tr. and arr. *Freedom Is Coming*,
tr. and arr. ©1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

1. LEADER: You are salt for the earth,
O people:
ALL: Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

REFRAIN:
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!
REFRAIN.

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!
REFRAIN.

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
REFRAIN.

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

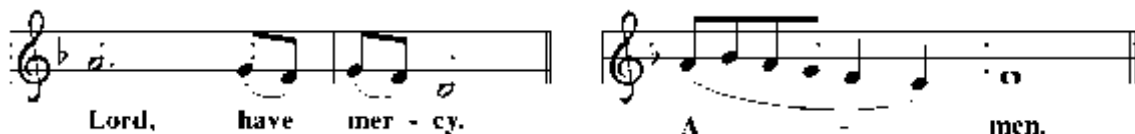
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE (SUNG)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

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⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 112:1-9

Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
- Light shines ¹ in the darkness
for ¹ the upright.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

- ¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
- ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- ⁹ But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

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¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



CANTOR: Jesus says, I am the light of the world;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Christ, Be Our Light*” (#715)

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our Light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us Your living voice. REFRAIN.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. REFRAIN.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. REFRAIN.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of Your kingdom come. REFRAIN.

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends: A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERING MUSIC “*Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*” Bisbee **Asaph Choir**

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***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Let us pray...

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “*This Little Light of Mine*” (#677)**

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Words: African American Spiritual

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*Allegro from an Organ Concerto*” Arne

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Matthew Wolk &
Linda Kehs

Acolyte: Sean Ortiz

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Lector: Janet Luyben

Nursery Assistant: Jen Wolk

Counters: Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer

Altar Guild: Janet Luyben & Daliliah Freer

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Sandor Varga,
in appreciation of our church staff for all their hard work.*

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Marty Conte, Debbie Feitchthaler, Anne Fisher, Margaret Fisher,
Gene & Pat Miesse, Paula Murphy, Margaret Nicholas, Bev O'Brien, Don Peters,
Linda Petrucci, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt,
Jennifer Sone, Savoeun Touch, Gail Wetzel, & Bobbie Willis.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin,
Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben,
John Markley, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey,
Robert Schirk, Shawn Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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