

Worship Guide on Zoom January 25, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude (music playing while we sit quietly preparing for worship)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew

Call to Worship

Pastor: In a world built on violence, it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.

Abel: In a world that rewards selfishness, it is wise to hoard, foolish to share.

Pastor: But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world. Greed will not serve us.

Abel: We will choose to be foolish. We will choose the way of love.

Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word”

(Instrumental only, no singing)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Interlude: Pastor lights candle)

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Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

(Acapella by member of Praise Team)

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Confession and Pardon Worship Assistant Abel

Confession of Sin

Leader: I will read the confession aloud and you can read along with your microphones muted as we confess our sins and respond to the pardon together.

**All: Merciful God,
you have told us what is good:
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with you.
These commands are simple,
yet we fail to do what is right.
Instead, we pursue evil
and we do not speak the truth.
Even when we try our best to be faithful,
still we turn away from you.
Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us,
that we may seek to do what you call good.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon Worship Assistant Abel

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus has become for us wisdom and righteousness. Christ is born for us and forgives us with abundant love!

All: We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Doxology PH #607

(Acapella by member of Praise Team)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Would everyone please turn off your camera ***except those with children in frame***

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.

(repeat)

Leader: You may unmute yourselves so we can pass the peace verbally or in the chat. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Share the peace with the people on Zoom verbally or in the chat)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Worship Assistant Abel

(WA to call everyone back to worship as needed before starting)

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)

For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Though we cannot physically bring our offerings forward this morning, let us give thanks for the ways that God has provided for us, that we may provide for others.

Song LYH #126 "Come, Share the Lord" Solo by Christine Bodden

V1 - We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs,
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

V2 – He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;

The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head.
Through unseen, he meets us here in breaking of the bread.

V3 - We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Abel** (own words for prayer)

THE WORD

Story Time: None this week

Prayer for Illumination **Pastor Andrew**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is Matthew 5:1-12. After the text is being read, we
will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus^{1a} saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[Ⓜ] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now, let us sit quietly and open our hearts to God's word and spirit as we reflect on the word; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "Blessed Are You"

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song - LYH #92 "Lay It All Down"

Solo by Christine Bodden

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.
I give you my life, O Lord, I give you my soul.
Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.
Whatever I've gained, I count it as loss.
I lay it all down, I lay it all down.

(Repeat song)

Confession of Faith Worship Assistant Abel

Leader: Please read along with your microphones muted as I read aloud our confess our faith:

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We believe that out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. Christ's faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Worship Assistant Abel

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Andrew

Pastor: And now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Pastor Andrew

Pastor: Please rise in body or in spirit for the benediction.

(Go in peace.)