

Worship Guide February 1, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew

Call to Worship

Pastor: We enter this place of worship in search of light to guide our way.

Many: We come because we have seen the light and desire to come closer to it.

Pastor: We come so that our light may shine and draw others to God's Light.

Many: Through Christ the light comes into the world.

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word” Worship Leader Emmanuel

(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)

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: Child lights candle)

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Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!” Psalm 119:89

(Bible is walked to the table)

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

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

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

Leader: Please be seated

Confession and Pardon Worship Assistant Chawezi

Confession of Sin

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

**All: God of wisdom, trusting in your promise of grace,
we pour out our hearts to you and one another.
You call out to us, but we do not listen.
You show us your path, but we prefer our own way.
You show yourself in the poor, the hungry, and the lonely,
but we look for you in the rich, the powerful, and the proud.
We look at the wisdom of our world,
and we think that we know better than you,
but you have shown us true wisdom in Christ.
Forgive us, God, for how we have turned away.
Heal us, lead us back to you,
that we might show grace and mercy to others.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon Worship Assistant Chawezi

Leader: Hear the good news! The foolishness of the cross shames the wisdom of the world. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

Many: God freely bestows grace on us through Jesus Christ. We are reconciled to God and one another. Glory to God! Amen.

Doxology PH #607 Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

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: Will the children come forward for the blessing

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

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

(repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

(WA to ask people to return to seats 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)

Bread and Cup

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

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song LYH #126 "Come, Share the Lord" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

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.

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

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: Skip the Drama; Just Do It (Micah 6:1-6)

Song - "Lord, Glorify Your Name" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.
Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,
Bring your glory to this place.

As we sing to you, "Hallelujah!"
we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!"
we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!"

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.
Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,
Bring your glory to this place.

As we sing to you, "Praise you, O Lord!"
we lift our voice to you, "Praise you O Lord!"
Lord we sing to you, "Praise you O Lord, Praise you O Lord!"

(Children leave during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

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 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. 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 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards,[Ⓜ] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one[Ⓜ] might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in[Ⓜ] the Lord."

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 "Foolishness"

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song - LYH #92 "Lay It All Down" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

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 Chawezi

Leader: Please remain standing as we 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.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Song PH #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

V2 – When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Leader: You may be seated

COMMUNION Led by Pastor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me,
all you that are weary
and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: God, creator of the universe,
with joy we praise you and give you thanks.
You brought light from darkness
and drew land from the sea.
You made us in your image
to live with one another in love.
You promised yourself in covenant with us,
you told us your purpose in your law,
and called for justice through the prophets.
Through long generations you have been faithful to your people.

Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: We praise you, most holy God,
for the gift of your Son, Jesus.
He told your story, healed the sick, and welcomed the stranger.
Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.
Rising from the dead, he overcame death,
the firstborn of the new creation.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we break bread and share one cup,
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ
and offering ourselves to live for him
in joy and grateful praise.

Memorial Acclamation:

Pastor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them the body and blood of Christ
that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit make us one with him and one another;
send us out to live for others, as Christ lived for us;
and keep us faithful until we feast with him in glory.
All thanks and praise to you, O triune God,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:

God, we give you thanks that on the night of his arrest
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.
Every time you eat this bread and drink the sup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
until he comes.
With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Communion of the People

Pastor:

The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits.

After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

(Explanation of intinction, individual serving cups if preferred. Deacons will note any who want cups or who need to be served in their seats.)

(Musical Interlude)

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**All: May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

Pastor: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;| through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

Charge and Blessing Pastor Andrew

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

(Pastor returns to pew)

Song LYH #28 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!

Halle, halle, halle lu jah!

Hallelujah!, Hallelujah!

(Repeat song)

(Pastor recesses down from aisle after first time through)

Close