

Date: February 8, 2026
Season of Epiphany
Annual Congregational Meeting



Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

Lord, show us how to be salt-worthy and how to give light. We want to share our bread with the hungry; we want to shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. Show us how to help the immigrant, and free those who are prisoners. Help us take your light everywhere dark. Teach us to give a little at first, then all we have.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life in the Church

Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9

Liturgist

Source: NIV

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Liturgist

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

***Hymn**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

GTG 314

***Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)**

Liturgist

Gracious God, we confess that we have often failed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world You called us to be. We confess our blandness: For times when we have been afraid to engage with the world, letting our influence fade, and becoming indistinguishable from those around us, rather than bringing flavor and preservation to life. We confess our darkness: For hiding our light, for being afraid to shine in our communities, for turning away from those in need, and for failing to do good works that glorify You. We confess our striving: For seeking a righteousness that satisfies ourselves rather than the deeper righteousness You demand,

which is rooted in radical love, justice, and compassion for all. Forgive us, Lord, for these sins and shortcomings. Cleanse us and renew us by Your Spirit, so that we might truly be salt that seasons and light that illuminates, reflecting Jesus Christ in our world. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20 Pastor
Source: NIV

Anthem *Get Together* Chet Powers
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Salt and Light Pastor

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* GTG 700

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist
We offer these gifts, asking that You make us the "salt of the earth," seasoning the world with Your love, preventing spiritual decay, and bringing healing. Fill us with your Spirit that our lives, like these offerings, bear the light of him who gave himself for us as we go about our daily living in your presence. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* African American
Heritage Hymnal

***Benediction**

Postlude *Taking it to the Streets* Michael McDonald
Next Week's Liturgist: Dave Norton

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino Music: David Libby
Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento
Ushers: Betty Jean & Blaine Schwarz The Westminster Choir
Liturgist: Patti Paleen A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us directly after worship for this important Biblical ministry. Members are welcome to host on an open Sunday or Contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

February 15- Open for Hosting **March 1-** Soup Sunday
February 15- Norton Cluster Group Hosting **March 8-** Salad Sunday

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEB. 18, 2026 5PM- Join us for this simple service modeled after the rich and beautiful Taize tradition – of Scripture, prayer, silence, meditative singing - and imposition of ashes - on the forehead or the back of the hand - “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.” Let’s begin this holy season with a clear intention of our need for forgiveness, community care, and spiritual renewal.

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

BOOK STUDY For Such A Time As This: An Emergency Devotional by Hanna Reichel- Last session: Wed. Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LENT 2026 BOOK STUDY - Meeting Jesus on the Road by Cynthia M. Campbell & Christine Coy Fohr Feb. 25 – April 1 Join Pastor Eddie for this weekly book study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sessions will be hybrid – in person and Zoom. Check the Back of the Bulletin for details, the Zoom link, and schedule. Books are available for \$12 in the Narthex.

NEW MINISTRIES AT THE MOORINGS AT LEWES- For over a year WPC has been offering a 4 PM Sunday worship service twice a month for the Independent Living residents of The Moorings at Lewes. Now we are expanding into weekly 3 PM Sunday worship services for The Moorings Assisted Living residents. If you would like to participate as a liturgist in a 3 PM service once a month, please contact David Kaminsky at (302) 743-2146 or Dave Norton at dave.norton@verizon.net.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Grieving/Mourning:

Russell- (Alan Steven's brother) died after a very short illness. Prayers for Alan and Gail as well as Russell's family.

Barbara Morgan- her spouse of 70 years, Dr. Joe Morgan, has moved from this life to more life.

Surgery/Post Surgery:

George Aridas- (Cheryl's husband) is having knee surgery February 10th.

Renee Michelsen- (friend of Blaine and Betty Jean Schwarz) had extensive spinal reconstructive surgery and is experiencing pain.

Safety:

Deb & Jess- (Marlene and Mike Quinn's cousin's daughter) live in Minneapolis on a work visa and are very afraid of the current community disturbances caused by ICE presence and actions.

For ALL families and individuals across our country feeling a heaviness of heart at the current climate of our country.

Ailing:

Jane Nicholson- fell and broke her hip. She is at Exelcare in Lewes.

Arthur McKenzie- (Lois Ford's Dad) moved to an assisted living facility.

Paul Shivers- (friends of Betty Jean and Blaine Schwarz) has been diagnosed with a brain disorder.

Nancy Brock- is experiencing back pains due to herniated disks.

Jim Gillespie- has moved to Cadia Renaissance Rehabilitation for recovery.

Jackie Sapio- is undergoing MRI and radiation treatments.

Mary Shea- (close friend of Don Smith) diagnosed with gallbladder cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Leah Christenson- (friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still) has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Pat Dickinson- (friend of John and Silvia) is having major complications with her health.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:

Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Barbara Miller, Barbara Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob & Jane Nicholson, Esther Lebegern, Sarah Ortolani, Mimi Peters, Joan and Ernesto Velez and Don Foraker.



Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

- Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving
- Faithful: Guided
- Missional: Active
- Welcoming: Embracing All
- Joy-filled: Celebrating God

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