



January 11, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*May we learn the difference between justifying ourselves, and being justified by God himself..
Come to Him who invites the weary and heavy laden; who promises to never cast them out.
-Matthew Henry, commentary on Job 9*

Prelude *Prelude from Cello Suite in D Major, BWV 1012* J.S. Bach

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Call to Worship Psalm 108:3-5

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted,
O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*Prayer of Dedication based on a Puritan prayer from "The Valley of Vision"

Leader: O Lord, my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly ordinance of rest,
the open door of worship, the record of Jesus' resurrection,

**All: the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when saints triumphant
unite in the eternal song of praise!**

Leader: We praise You, O Lord, for bringing us to the throne of grace,
where we find You eager to hear us and help us.

**All: Through the blood of Christ You have made us Your children,
and You promise to give us more than we can ask or imagine.**

Leader: Please give us in rich abundance the blessings that this Lord's Day was designed to impart:

**All: Flood my mind with peace that passes all understanding; may my meditations be sweet,
may my worship be joyful, may Your precious Word nourish my soul,
and may my soul be more deeply knit to Jesus.**

* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Exaltation

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue

We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand, Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is, and is forever.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

All: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are impatient and struggle to wait on you. You see our discontentment and greed. You know how hard it is for us to wait and trust in your timing. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross...

*Hymn of Worship

How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary;
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil: it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me;
Full the pardon He has offered, great the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry: it was finished upon that cross. *(continued)*

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed;
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed.
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God,
I rejoice in Jesus' victory: it was finished upon that cross,
It was finished upon that cross, it was finished upon that cross.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Zane Morton (8:30)

Baptized by TE Neel Skelton, assisted by RE Jonathan Kittel

Reid Conner Wright (9:45)

Son of Seth and Patterson Wright

Baptized by Mark Reed, assisted by RE Jake Strawderman

New Member Vows (8:30)

Zane and Emily Morton

Blessing to Our Covenant Children (9:45)

Doxology

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Job 9:25–35

Sermon

Naming the Need for an Arbitrator

Tim Pitzer

Hymn of Comfort

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious, shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the winds and waves still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on, when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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*Hymn of Assurance

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone—Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand. *(continued)*

*Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good—God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ He lives—Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore!

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship: Preacher: Tim Pitzer, Next Generation Pastor
Liturgist: Neel Skelton (8:30), Worship and Formation Pastor
Richard Winston (9:45), Associate Professor, Erskine Theological Seminary

Our Year-Long Journey Through Scripture Has Begun—It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

Our entire congregation is reading through the Bible together this year. Never has there been a better opportunity to read through the Scriptures! You do it with community, hear sermons supplementing what you are reading, celebrate milestones together and access resources to encourage your growth and include your children and youth. Pick up at JTS Guide at the Welcome Desk or visit mitchellroad.org/jts.

January Elective—How To Read the Bible in B105 January 11, 18, and 25

How to Read the Bible will be taught by Sarah Warren, Alicia Vauters, and Lindsay Bryan. Discover how to read the Bible with clarity, confidence, and joy. We'll explore how Scripture fits together as one story, how to interpret different genres, and how to apply God's Word to life. Whether you're new to Bible study or seasoned in the Scriptures, this class will deepen your understanding and strengthen your walk.

At the congregational meeting last Sunday, all eight men on the ballot were elected to the office of elder. They will be ordained and installed during the worship services on January 25.

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