

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, January 26, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 67:1-4

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Congregation: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

*** We Sing in Response:** #164 Red Hymnal *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*** We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together : Holy God, we confess to you that we are broken sinners. We have failed to keep your word, and love you from all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we have cherished our sin and idols instead of you. We ask, Lord, that you forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins we are aware of, and those hidden faults we do not see so clearly. Grant us a greater hatred of our sin such that we actively seek to put it to death. And free us to love you and love one-another all the more fully, as we seek to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God, our Father! Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 71:1-3

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #162 Black Hymnal *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare Your glory, the earth Your riches, The universe is Your temple; Your presence fills immensity, yet You have made us what we are, and given us what we have; In You we live and move and have our being; Your providence has set the bounds of our habitation, and wisely administers all our affairs. We thank You for Your riches to us in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in Your Word, where we behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection.
-Adapted from the Valley of Vision

We Read From God's Word: John 4:1-26

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

*** We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

*** We Give Thanks to the Lord**

*** We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** Handout *“Christ, the True and Better”*
(Please leave the handouts in pew so we can reuse in the future)

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 8:4-25

Pastor Preaches God’s Word: *“Preaching and Receiving the Gift of God”*
– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

*** We Sing In Response to the Word:** #177 Black Hymnal *“In Christ Alone”*

*** The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Acts 8:4-25
“Preaching and Receiving the Gift of God”
01-26-25

Proposition: Hearing the gospel and receiving the gift of God results in a changed life to be lived for the glory of God.

Main Point One: Philip’s Preaching

Sub Point One: Proclaiming Christ

Sub Point Two: Gospel Miracles and Healing

Sub Point Three: Samaria’s Turn from Simon to Jesus

Sub Point Four: The Baptism

Main Point Two: Peter and John’s Commission

Sub Point One: Prayer for the Holy Spirit’s Reception

Sub Point Two: Simon’s Deception

Sub Point Three: Receiving the Gift of God

Sub Point Four: The Heart of the Matter

Main Point Three: The Apostles’ Return

Sub Point One: Samaritan Revival

Sub Point Two: The Holy Spirit’s Presence and Power