

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 2, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of John 1:1-5

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Pastor: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*** We Sing in Response:** #381 Red Hymnal *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Heavenly Father, save us entirely from sin. We know we are righteous through the righteousness of another, but we long to reflect your likeness; We are your children who bear your image, enable us to recognize our death unto sin; when it tempts us may we be deaf unto its voice. Deliver us from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant us to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. Help us to be always devoted, confident, obedient, resigned, childlike in our trust of you, to love you with soul, mind, body, strength, to love others as we love ourselves. Fill us with grace daily, that our lives may be overflowing fountains of sweet water for your glory and for the fame of the Gospel, Amen.—*Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: John 8:31-32

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #257 Black Hymnal *“Love Incarnate”*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!
- *Lorika of St. Patrick*

Introduction of New Communing Member: Matthew Swick (Covenant Child of Erron and Sara Swick)

Missions Moment: Ryan Gudeman (update on MTW Missionaries Ray and Michelle Call)

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 139:1-18

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 8:5-6 "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

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:** #170 Red Hymnal "*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*"

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: John 10:1-15

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Listening and Following the Voice of Jesus*"

– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #419 Black Hymnal "*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*"

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

Sermon Outline
John 10:1-15
“Listening and Following the Voice of Jesus”
03-02-25

Proposition: The issues surrounding life and death are subject to whether we listen to Jesus’ voice and follow him as he leads us on the path of abundant life.

Main Point One: The Gatekeeper

Sub Point One: The Thief

Sub Point Two: The Shepherd

Sub Point Three: The Sheep

Sub Point Four: The Shepherd’s Voice

Main Point Two: The Door

Sub Point One: “The truth” vs. “The lie”

Sub Point Two: Entering through the Door

Sub Point Three: The Enemy of Truth

Main Point Three: The Good Shepherd

Sub Point One: Sacrifices Himself for “the Sheep”

Sub Point Two: The Hired Hand

Sub Point Three: The Fatherhood of God