

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—January 25, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Center of Faith and Giving

LEADER: We're gathered to sing and make melody to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our heads and offer our gifts with shouts of joy!**

LEADER: We know our best hope is to seek God all the days of our lives.

PEOPLE: **So we come together to praise the One who is gracious to us all.**

*HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
#173

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley (1740)
Music: William H. Havergal (1861)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed #880

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27:1 & 5 (NRSV)

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

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⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us
#398 vs 4

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in care and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these!”

Words: Ceil Frances Alexander (1852)
& Music: William H. Jude (1874)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from Lectionary Liturgies

God of jubilee, in Jesus Christ you are always bringing good news to the poor and liberty for the captives. You grant sight for the blind and freedom for the oppressed. You declare the year of holy favor. Help us this day as we, your people, gather, to hold this vision of jubilee. Teach us this day to both receive and embody the fullness of your Spirit’s vision.

We pray for the world...
Bring good news, release, and freedom to the captives, and oppressed. Give new hope and vision to all.

We pray for loved ones...
Give us gifts of healing and compassion to help those who are hurting and honor those who suffer shame.

Joining our hearts and minds in prayer, let us call on the name of the Lord, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 (CEV)

¹⁷ ... Christ didn’t send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ’s cross won’t be emptied of its meaning.

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Message of the Cross
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross
#504 UMH

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

*So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

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In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

Text & Music: George Bennard (1913)

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie

Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Victoria and Mark Rhodus

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude All Things Bright and Beautiful –arr Eithun



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

BENEDICTION

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

May the Holy Spirit bless you with inspiration to
recognize and pay attention to all the ways the Word
of God springs to life around you, so that you may
find and bring God's love, peace, and hope wherever
you go.

In God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



Stay connected with



Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor **Amy Voss**, Director of Preschool
Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor **Shanon Rice**, Director of Digital Communications
Rev. Brandon Long, Director of Discipleship

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ROOT KIDS IN A
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Vacation Bible School
July 13-16

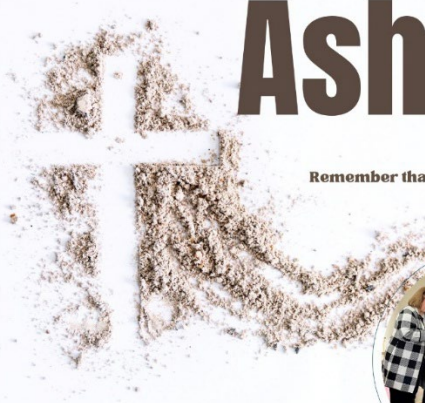
Show kids what it means to be rooted in relationship
with God, their safe place in life's storms.

Registration Opens
January 26

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God



A six-week Sunday morning series for student Confirmation. Participants in grades 7-12 are invited to examine key tenants of the Christian faith and provide opportunities to explore best spiritual practices. Class will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:30am in the Lower Level. We will begin with an orientation meeting for parents and students on Sunday, February 1. **For complete class dates and registration, visit:** <https://bit.ly/4aQ3yjA>. If you have questions, contact Pastor Brandon at blong@armstrongchapel.org.



Ash WEDNESDAY
Service

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

February 18
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Old Chapel

