



first community

January 11, 2026
9 am NORTH

GREETING – Glen

SONGS – Common Grace

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Walk With Me

WELCOME – Glen

BAPTISM – John

Crosley Arthur Willmann

ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Crosley. Our homes are his homes; our resources are his resources. Together we covenant to walk beside Crosley, to teach him to accept God's grace for himself, and to show him the many faces of God. We pray that together we will fulfill our commitment to Crosley and to God.

PRAYER SONG- Common Grace *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – John

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Dream – Glen

Receiving the People's Gifts

Offertory – Common Grace
Little Things With Great Love

Prayer of Thanks- Glen

(optional prewritten prayer)

Generous God,
we dedicate these gifts not as leftovers, but as
signs of our readiness—
ready to act, ready to love,
ready to join in the work you are already
doing. Receive these offerings as expressions
of trust, and use them to help prepare a way
for healing, justice, and joy to break forth.
Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE -
Glen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION –

John

ONE: Spirit of the Living God,
open our ears to hear your Word and our
hearts to receive it.

Where the way feels unclear, make a path.
Where hope feels delayed, speak comfort.
Where justice feels distant, call us forward. By
your Spirit, illuminate these scriptures, that
we may see your dream for the world and our
place within it. Amen.

PSALTER READING–John

Psalm 30:4–5

Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful
ones,

and give thanks to God's holy name.

⁵ For God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

PROPHETIC READING - John

Isaiah 40:1–5

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of
the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

SERMON – Glen *The Fierce Urgency of Now*

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING -John

CLOSING SONG – Common Grace *Walk With Me* (verse 1 and chorus)

CLOSING WORDS – John

ONE: Go into the world with courage, trusting that God is still speaking, still comforting, still making a way and may hope rise faster than fear!

Amen.