

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on “Hyfrydol”

Benton Price

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: People of God, praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Leader: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**People: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God’s very own, called together here this day.

**People: Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!**

### \*HYMN #60 *(see bulletin)*

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Caswell/Barnby

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The more we know God’s holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. With humble hearts, let us confess our brokenness, our selfishness and our sin.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost. ... Our prayers continue in silence...*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

**People: God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Through the waters of our baptism, we are forgiven children of God. Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

### \*HYMN #393 *(see bulletin)*

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Palmer/Mason

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit”

Arr.: Lyndell Leatherman

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 112:1-10

ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Howard Helvey

SECOND READING:

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

“Pass the Salt, Please”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #459** (see bulletin)

“O Word of God Incarnate”

How/Mendelssohn

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Go, dear friends, to love and serve the Lord. Go shine light into darkness. Go be salt of the earth. Go enjoy the wonders of our world, which God has made. Go stand beside those on the margins. Go form faith. Go have your faith formed. And go to share God’s love, knowing that you are uniquely beloved.

**People:** **God sends us to be light. Jesus sends us to be salt. The Holy Spirit sends us to be faithful caregivers of everyone we meet. Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Triumphal March”

G.F. Händel

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God .*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Laura Perry Johnson and Marshall McCranie**

Monday, February 9 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, February 9 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Tuesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 p.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, February 11 at 4 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, February 12 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on Rd.

**Sunday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon following the worship service**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 at 1:30 p.m. OPEN DOOR TOWN HALL MEETING**

Monday, February 16 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, February 16 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Tuesday, February 17 at 5:15 p.m. Session

Wednesday, February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY - 5:30 p.m. supper, followed by service

Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Monday, February 23 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Tuesday, February 24 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY begins at Shalom Café (6 week study)

Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, February 26 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—Tackle Hunger Locally TODAY**

SUNDAY, February 8th, please donate food or money to benefit our local food bank. Monetary options: cash or a separate check to FPC (marked in the memo line “for hunger”).

### **PRESCHOOL: FOUR YEAR OLDS**

If you know of any parents/grandparents of a four year old who are looking for a Christian preschool program, please put them in touch with FPC Preschool Director Anna Davis at 229-616-9981.

### **RESONANCE: ALTERNATIVE SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON**

Join this afternoon, Sunday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Resonance worship service. We will be discussing grief and faith with Flint River Presbytery’s Deb Tregaskis. *How does God meet us in our sorrow? How can faith bend without breaking? How can we mourn honestly and build a place of connection rather than isolation?*

### **WATCH SUPPER**

#### **MENU Wednesday, February 11:**

**Regular/Children:** Lasagna, Breadstick, Sweet Corn, Salad Bar

**Diet:** Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Ricotta Chocolate Chip Cake or Assorted Pies

**RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com)**