

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE (*A Time for Quiet Meditation*)

God's Steadfast Love

Garrett Parker

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me Glory to God
(verse 1)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God,

All: Who creates and loves us;

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

All: Who gives us Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

All: And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING SONG #317

In Christ There Is No East or West
(verse 1)

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In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

(verse 2)

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord closebinding humankind.

(verse 3)

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

(verse 4)

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive:

*Please stand as you are able.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Holy God, you demand righteousness and justice. You love all your children with a passionate desire that we all might be one. But we confess that we are not one in the spirit and not one in the Lord. We divide ourselves by race and class, by religion and status, and by politics. Forgive us for the sin of racism that imprisons us in structures and institutions that give more to some and less to others. Forgive our suspicion and fear. Forgive our unwillingness to change. Now hear our silent prayers.....

(Time of Silence)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved, you are forgiven! Happy are those who put their trust in God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #582

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: In Christ we discover a peace that surpasses all human understanding.

Let us share that same peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit: Open our ears to the truth of your word that our faith may be strengthened and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

He is the Everlasting God

Martin

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40 (From The Living Word)

One: I wait patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

All: He drew me up from a desolate pit, out of a miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

All: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

One: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, there would be more than counted.

*Please stand as you are able.

All: **Sacrifice and offerings you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**
 One: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
All: **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.**
 One: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
All: **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**
 One: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever. The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

"How Do We Respond to That Gift of Steadfast Love?"

Rev. Martha (Missy) Shiverick

***HYMN #300** *We Are One in the Spirit* *They'll Know We Are Christians*
 (verse 1)
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
 (refrain)
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
 (verse 2)
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 (refrain)
 (verse 3)
We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
 (refrain)
 (verse 4)
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
 (refrain)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

One: Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

OFFERTORY

Litany

Edward Broughton

*DOXOLOGY #710

We Lift Our Voices

Offering

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation so that all will know of your will. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG #749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

(verse 1)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
(refrain)

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

(verse 2)

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

(refrain)

(verse 3)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

(refrain)

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*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Create in Me

Hopkins

*FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Gilbert M. Martin

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pastor – Rev. Martha (Missy) Shiverick



Please welcome back to our pulpit today's guest pastor, Rev. Missy Shiverick, who is a minister member of the Presbytery of Western Reserve and served, at one time, as Interim Associate Pastor at Valley.

Knitting For Others

Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.



**The group will meet Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
January 25**

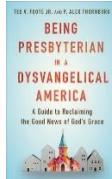
This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all of the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. If you have any bulky size-5 or 6 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

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330-888-5385

Book Study – *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*



In *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*, Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg speak directly to Presbyterians who are disillusioned and confused by how Christianity is being misused in American culture. So often, our beliefs as faithful Christians do not line up with the shouted chants and disturbing actions taken by those claiming to represent a true vision of Christianity.

This will be a hybrid study format (in-person in the church library and on-line) – meeting on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. Books will be available in the church office for \$15.

Meeting Dates

February 2 and 16, March 2, 16, and 30

Notice of Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will take place on Sunday, February 1, immediately after the worship service. Please plan to attend, if you are able.

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Fresh meats, eggs, butter, flour, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, February 6 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, February 7 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Give Now” button. Can only be used for donations.
Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

Use the following QR Code to donate via **Zelle**:



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