



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.

\*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.

Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"  
by Aaron Williams

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Brightest and Best"  
arranged by Robert J. Powell

### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

#649—vv. 1, 2, & 4 "Gather Us In"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who guides and gathers,  
**you have created us for connection,**  
**and you have gathered us into community.**  
**But true community takes work**  
**and can be full of challenges that complicate our lives.**  
When we use small talk and pleasantries  
to avoid the difficulties of deeper relationships,  
**strengthen our courage.**  
When we keep others at a polite distance  
to avoid risking authenticity,  
**soften our hearts.**  
When we get wrapped up in our own lives  
to avoid the messiness of mutual vulnerability,  
**open our eyes.**

Led by sanctuary choir:

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**  
Christe. **Christe.** Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**  
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**  
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Eleison. **Eleison.**

Please observe a brief moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

God, guided by your Spirit,  
**gather us deeper into relationship with one another**  
**that we may live together in authentic and vulnerable community.**  
**May our lives together be a witness in the world**  
**of your deep love for all people.**  
In Jesus' name we pray . . . amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

**You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.**

### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

"In a Church That's Moving Forward"

Words: Andrew Williams; Tune: NETTLETON #68

In a church that's moving forward,  
This is where we long to be.  
In a church with gifts abounding  
and the grace to set them free.  
In a church of many cultures,  
In a church both old and young.  
In a church with many voices,  
Here the song of Christ is sung.

With our God who leads the mission  
Of a people on the way,  
With our God who's healing blindness,  
Lets the voiceless have their say.  
With our God of every nation,  
With our God of every place,  
With our God who shines compassion  
on to every tribe and race.

On a road that leads to wholeness  
When we're broken or unsure,  
On a road to understanding  
Where division finds a cure;  
On a road where all may travel,  
On a road where many roam,  
On a road we walk together,  
As we make our journey home.

### SCRIPTURE & SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

"A Letter to the Church"

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### \*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

**Praise God, whose image we all bear;**  
**Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;**  
**Praise Spirit, making justice grow—**  
**One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.**

tune: Old Hundredth

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

#552 "We All Are One in Mission"

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"  
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,  
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,**  
**and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**  
**My friends, may you grow in grace,**  
**and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**  
**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**  
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### \*POSTLUDE

"Procession"  
by C. S. Lang

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### SERMON SERIES: *A letter to the church...*

The letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth known as First Corinthians wasn't intended to speak to every church in every time and every place; yet, **it somehow does.** Through the work of the Spirit, Paul's words to a particular people in a particular place speak to us here and now, too. For the next five weeks, we will be listening in on this letter to the fledgling faith community of Corinth and exploring its transcendent message.



 **THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND**  
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

**ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?**

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

**INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?**

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 **FAITH FORMATION GROUPS**

January 18 to February 22

LL=Lower Level FL=First Level SL=Second Level

**DURING WORSHIP**

**Nursery** (available all year)

Infant - 3 YO

FL Room 101  
3 - 6/7 YO

**Children & Worship\***

Dismissed via NE sanctuary doors after Children's Message.

SL Room 203

**AFTER WORSHIP - 11-11:45 AM**

**Kids Craft & Play**

Leaders: Katie Alley & Molly Van Hemert

Grades K - 6

LL GIG Room

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Adult

**Pulpit to Pavement: Sermon Discussion Group**

Facilitators:

FL Room 102

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Adult

**Faithful Imagination**

Facilitators: Norman Kolenbrander

FL Room 103 - Library

\*Infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders need to be picked up from their rooms by parent/guardian.

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be dismissed to find their parents/guardians.

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 18, 2026**

**TODAY**

9:45 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Faith Formation Groups  
2:30 pm High School Youth Group  
4:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

**TUESDAY**

8:00 am Men's Group  
2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation  
6:30 pm Crafting in Community

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 pm Chili Supper  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:45 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Faith Formation Groups  
2:30 pm High School Youth Group  
4:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

**Greeters:** Kent & Val Van Kooten, Don Andre, Mike Montgomery, Eric

Jones

Next Week: Kent & Val Van Kooten, Rich Glendening

**Nursery:** Jessi Galligan, Annie Vande Kamp

Next Week: Neriah Hardeman, Mike Filippini

**Storyteller:** Sara Heffelfinger, Jackson Renaud

Next Week: Rinnah Hardeman, Ann Visser

**Barista:** Pete & Cindy Peterson

Next Week:

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
January 18, 2026 - 9:45 am