

Online Bulletin for Sunday, July 26, 2026
We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Rice

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

Introit

*‡Call to Worship

Leader: Come seekers and searchers — all who long for God's kingdom.

People: God gathers us all — saints and sinners, siblings in Christ.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, waiting to be discovered.

People: Open our eyes to the treasures of your grace already in our midst.

Leader: God meets us here in this space, in our peace, and in our prayers.

People: May we be present to God's presence.

All: Let us worship God together

*‡Hymn No. **35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERRE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Merciful God, you scatter signs of your kingdom all around us, yet too often we fail to notice. We overlook the blessings already in our midst and search for treasure in all the wrong places. We fail to recognize Christ in those who are hungry, lonely, hurting, or in need of welcome. We turn away from neighbors whose stories are unfamiliar and close our hearts to those who need our compassion. Forgive us, loving God. Open our eyes to your presence, open our hearts to one another, and open our lives to the joy of your kingdom. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. **551**

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy
Lord, Have Mercy upon us. (2x)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. **288**

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading - Genesis 29:15-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Second Scripture Reading - Matthew 13:44-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Joy of the Journey

Rev. Kevin Ireland

*Hymn No. **451** Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City

Ministry: Mission Distribution Team

Care and Comfort: Braelyn Aldino, Jay Ayers, Sharon Fox, Calissa Frye,

Norma Sherback, and Teresa Stange

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Wayne Aschwege at the passing of his father, Donald.

To the family and friends of Beverly Becker

To the family and friends of Wesley Rickman

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(Let us pray with one voice.)

God of abundant grace, we offer these gifts with gratitude for the treasure of your kingdom already in our midst. Receive them, bless them, and use them to reveal your love in unexpected places. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors and our hearts to the work you are still doing among us. May all that we give and all that we are help others discover the joy, hope, and welcome of your kingdom. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 742

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia. Amen.
People: Alleluia. Amen.

The Postlude *All Hail the Power* Arr. Edstrom

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

**The flowers this morning were donated by
Chris and Kirk Anderson in memory of Wyatt Moses Anderson**

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Kevin Ireland, Pastor, Head of Staff

Fred Heismeyer, Liturgist

George Mora, Reader

Sean Foster, Director Chancel Choir

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Mitzi Darmstetter, Sound

Chris Anderson, Broadcasting

Welcome to God's House

We are grateful you are here as we worship together – lifting our voices in praise, our hearts in prayer, and opening ourselves to the work of God's Spirit in our midst.

Grace is a special place. We are people of many ages and stages, from different walks of life, backgrounds, and traditions. Each of us brings unique gifts. **All are welcome.** What we share in common is a desire to follow Christ, a love of God and neighbor, and a deep passion for serving the world God so loves.

Children are always welcome in worship. God put the wiggle in children—and we celebrate the giggles too. We do not expect anyone to sit perfectly still or silently. Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary doors if helpful. You're encouraged to help your child follow along in the bulletin or hymnal. If they are readers, invite them to circle words they don't know and talk about them after the service. A nursery is available for children up to age three in Room 107 (next to the north entrance).

We invite you to let us know you are here by signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew and passing it along to others. It helps us connect names with faces and care well for one another.

If you have a prayer concern, we invite you to share it by placing a blue prayer card in the offering plate. Your prayers will be held in confidence and shared with our Prayer Ministry Team.

If you would like to learn more about our congregation or about the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we would be glad to connect with you. Please speak with one of our ushers or staff or reach out to Pastor Kevin at Kevin@MyGPC.org.

We are glad you are here. Let us worship God together.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.4.7.8

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/ composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 8.8.9.8.8.8.4

742 We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.

With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.

TEXT: Swaziland text; English trans. John L. Bell, 2002
MUSIC: Swaziland melody; arr. John L. Bell, 2008
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SIZOHAMBA NAYE
Irregular