

# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

January 25, 2026—10:30 AM

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Robert Stiles ; Message: Norris Clark, Ruling Elder, Pulpit  
Supply; Worship Production: Norris Clark



### WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

### MESSAGE PREVIEW:

**Norris Clark, Ruling Elder,  
Pulpit Supply will give the message titled, "It's a Wonderful Life".**

### MUSIC PREVIEW:

"How Great Thou Art" began as a Swedish poem, "O Store Gud," by pastor Carl Boberg in 1885, inspired by a sudden thunderstorm followed by calm beauty, leading him to reflect on God's majesty. The poem was set to a folk tune, translated into German and Russian, and later adapted into English by missionary Stuart K. Hine, who added verses, with the final version popularized globally by George Beverly Shea at Billy Graham crusades in the 1950s.

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" was penned by Isaac Watts in 1715 for his collection Divine and Moral Songs for Children, originally titled "Praise for Creation and Providence," after his father challenged him to write better church songs, leading to this joyful hymn praising God's creative power and presence in nature for children and adults alike.

The story behind the hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" is about author Louisa M. R. Stead finding profound faith after immense tragedy, specifically the drowning of her husband while rescuing a boy in New York. Left a widow with a young daughter, Stead's deep despair led her to write these words, finding strength in Jesus to trust Him completely, even when facing poverty and loss, becoming an anthem of hope that has comforted many through suffering.

**PRELUDE**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**WELCOME:**

**NORRIS CLARK, RULING ELDER**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong  
and it never ends.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE) (PSALM 27:1)**

**Liturgist - Robert Stiles**

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Many: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

**OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**Inviting God, we gather as your people, drawn by the light of Christ, your kingdom breaking**

into our world. We thank you for calling us from darkness into your marvelous light, for being our shelter in trouble, and for offering unity in Christ when we are divided. Open our hearts to hear Jesus' call to follow him, as he called the disciples by the sea. Help us, in our own struggles and disagreements, to recognize your presence, to seek your face, and to walk in your ways this day. May our worship tune our hearts to praise you and find our best hope in seeking you all the days of our lives. Amen

**GATHERING HYMN - #467 (BLUE) "How GREAT THOU ART"**

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

**And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Let us pause here to confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God's presence.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)**

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

**Silent Reflection**

## **HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVE)**

**(Psalm 103:17)**

One: "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Many: Amen.**

## **\*THE GLORIA**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us from the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 139: 13-18**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts,[a] God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 30: 18-19**

“There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand:  
the way of an eagle in the sky,  
the way of a snake on a rock,  
the way of a ship on the high seas,  
and the way of a man with a young woman.

### **MESSAGE: “IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE”**

**NORRIS CLARK, RULING ELDER**

#### ***PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION***

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION: # (BLUE) "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"**

**1. I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
And all the stars obey.**

**2. I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with His word  
And then pronounced them good.**

**Lord how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:**

Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ's ministry and those most in need.

### **OFFERTORY**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above the heavenly host,      praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings:** none on list

## **Announcements:**

Today, Sunday, January 25 is the **after worship luncheon at the Bella Vida restaurant in West Cape May.** We will be using a private room in the back of the restaurant for our fellowship.

**\*\*\*The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 8, after worship. It will include a covered dish luncheon, sign up sheet on the table In the narthex to bring something for the luncheon. Committee Reports for the meeting should be given to the church office by February 1.**

Pastor Wenker will be starting a **Bible Study** on **Wednesday February 11 at 10:00 -11:30 a.m.** in Price Hall. It will meet weekly **for 7 weeks** before Easter. We will be studying Psalm 23 using W. Phillip Keller's little study book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". **Sign up in the Narthex** and indicate if you would like a book purchased for you for \$8.00.

## **New for 2026! Cold Spring Suppers "Book Club" -**

**Why:** Good food for your heart, mind, body, and soul!

**How:** Participants will select, read, and discuss contemporary and classic books that stimulate the

heart and mind, and enjoy a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). Book reading: "Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown

**When:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:30 pm

**Where:** Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.

**NOTE:** Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to [norrisclark@me.com](mailto:norrisclark@me.com)



To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

## **RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

*Pray for: Linda's Aunt Rose*, dealing with a total loss of hearing; **Chuck & Barb McPherson** have the flu; **Buddy & Susan Dehart** have the flu; Comfort for **Pat Harris and family** on the passing of her Brother; **Baby Eleanor Miller**, born with an underdeveloped heart, is in Children's Hospital in Phila. for a lengthy stay; **Donna**

**Anne's sister, Kathy** is in Nazareth Hospital; **Rick Volpe** is having cancer surgery for removal of his voice box; the family and friends of **Irene "Renie" Grier**, on her passing on Dec. 19, services are private; **Bob Hall** received a new pacemaker at a hospital in Phila. and is doing well; **the Adkisson family** in Denver, on the passing of **Dana's Mom**; **Rev. Jack Wright** starting treatment for cancer and will need our prayers; **Kaite Purdy** as she continues her studies in Nashville; **Larry Pacentrelli**, a veteran pilot facing surgery to relieve numbness in his arms; **Rev. Jim Shanley**, recuperating slowly; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant;

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob Sheidly** friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging; Anna Sheidly is now receiving hospice care.

Those on hospice care: Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis, Anna Sheidly.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Kiley Fulford; Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Ruth, Debbie, Mike Grecco, Norma Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Charlotte Holman, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Patricia, Richard Beare and Rev. Jack Wright.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are neighbors.**  
Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are friends.**

## SENDING HYMN: #250 (RED) "*Tis So SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"*

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word,  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, "thus saith the Lord,"  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**3. Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**

# **Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**BENEDICTION:**

**NORRIS CLARK, RULING ELDER**

**POSTLUDE:**

**JAYNE McDONOUGH**

**Go in peace. See you next week!**

**So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.**

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *How Great Thou Art*: Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885/ Swedish folk melody, Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949 ; CCLI Song #14181
3. *Gloria*: Public Domaine
4. *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*: Isaac Watts, 1715/ Gesangbuch der Herzogl  
Wirtembergischen, Katholischen Hofkapelle 1784; CCLI Song #29097
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*: Louisa M. R. Stead/ William J. Kirkpatrick; CCLI Song  
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