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*THE GATHERING*

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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude to Worship**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*\*Hymn 464**                      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*\*Hymn 579**                      *"Glory Be to the Father"*

*"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."*

**\*\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

*Children are dismissed to their class.*

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*THE WORD*

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**Unison Prayer for Understanding**

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**The Reading from the Old Testament**

Isaiah 58:1-12

*...see insert...*

Reader: The word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Reading from the Gospels**

Matthew 5:13-20

*...see insert...*

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**A Gift of Music**

**Sermon**

*"Blissful Delusion"*

**\*\*Hymn 101**

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

**\*\*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; he descended into hell; 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.

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*THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*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.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**\*\*Hymn**            *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*            **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

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*THE SENDING*

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**\*\*Hymn 383**            *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*\*Postlude**

*\*\*please stand as you are able*

# *First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster*

*Order of Worship for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 8, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.*

*Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish*

*Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

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*Please silence cell phones prior to worship.*

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We welcome everyone to this hour of worship. It is our prayer that this time will be meaningful to you as you worship. As we prepare for this holy time, let us center our thoughts on the Christ who loves us supremely.