

**Clifton Presbyterian Church** is a welcoming Christian Community driven by compassion, generosity, resilience and service to others.

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**Breath Prayer:**

*INHALE:* O God, make your home      *EXHALE:* within my heart.

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*Jesus Cleanses the Temple* by [Bernadette Lopez](#)

February 1, 2026

9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*

10:00 AM *Worship*

4th Sunday after Epiphany

**WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

*Words in **BOLD** indicate the congregation reading together. Words of the worship leader are in PLAIN type. An asterisk \* indicates that the congregation may stand, as you wish.*

Gathering Song   **GtG 842**

**The Lord Is My Light**

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust; in God I trust.**

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Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship** *from Psalm 127*

One: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**All: Build our house, O God, that we might be made strong and just.**

One: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

**All: Guard us, O God, that we might remain faithful and true.**

One: We live to the glory of the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

**All: Praise be to God!**

**\*Presbyterian Hymnal 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation vv. 1, 2**

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.**

**Prayer of Confession**

One: In the light of Christ, we see how we have fallen short of who we were created to be. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

**All: Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls, look deep within our hearts and our lives, and clear away all that holds us back. May our minds, spirits and bodies be a Temple that is open to your presence: and may our words and our actions be transparent to your love and truth. We pray that our church community, will be purified in its life and mission, so that all that we do may reveal your gospel to others. We come to you and name those things for which we seek your cleansing and healing, so that we may be more faithful disciples. (Silence)**

**Assurance of Grace**

One: Friends of Jesus, we are renewed by the words and actions of Christ in us. We can trust that there is room in our lives and in our community for the Holy One to dwell.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sing Praise GtG 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## The Peace of Christ

One: Let us share signs of peace in the name of the One we follow. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.*

*Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.*

## Offering our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

*For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary. Donations can also be made online. [www.cliftonpc.org](http://www.cliftonpc.org)*

One: The house of God is a house of prayer a place of healing and restoration, a place where we bring before God our provisions to be used for present needs. Let us offer our gifts to God. Let us pray.

**All: Generous God, you have given us so much and we are grateful for it all. Accept our offerings this day, take them and use them for the growth of your kingdom. Remind us that all that all we are - body, mind, spirit - we can offer as a gift to you. We rededicate ourselves to you this day. Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination GtG 314 Christ Be Our Light *refrain*

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

## First Reading Psalm 27:1-2 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.

<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil,  
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.

**All: Amen.**

## Second Reading John 2:12-25 (NRSVUE)

<sup>12</sup> After (the wedding at Cana) he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they remained there a few days. <sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in

three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Words of Life: Word of Zealousness

*Diane Walton Hendricks*

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

Communion Anthem

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and the Lord’s Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right... As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Hymn During Communion GtG 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

**All who hunger, gather gladly;**

**holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wandering.**

**Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness,**

**all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers,  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

### ***WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD***

## **Celebrating Ministries**

## **Ring of the Bell, Charge, and Benediction**

### **Benediction Response GtG 543 O Christ, Surround Me**

**God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;  
God be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ surround me, O Christ surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ surround me, O Christ surround me.**

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We can be reached at [office@cliftonpc.org](mailto:office@cliftonpc.org)*

Most prayers and liturgy adapted from Spill the Beans resources and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion  
Prayer of Confession by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community.  
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**Thanks to those leading us in worship**

**Hosts:** Barbara Brown and Pat Swanson

**Deacon Note Taker:** Open

**Liturgist:** Kimberly Davis

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**Sanctuary Flowers:** Open

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