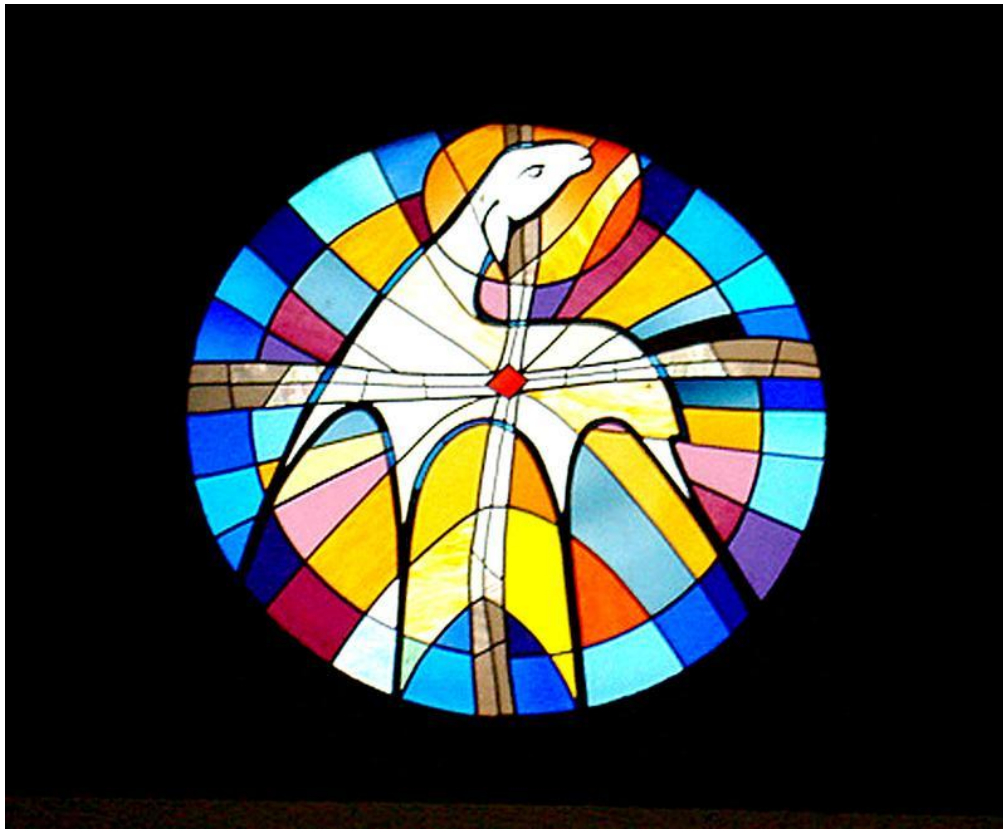


Clifton Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian Community driven by compassion, generosity, resilience and service to others.

Breath Prayer:

INHALE: Lamb of God *EXHALE:* I come to you.



*Cláudio Pastro, Agnus Dei
from Art in the Christian Tradition of Vanderbilt Divinity Library,*

January 11, 2026
9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*
10:00 AM *Worship*

1st 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**

One: Come and see.

All: We come to grow in belief.

One: Come and dare.

All: We come to grow in trust.

One: Come and wonder.

All: We come to listen.

One: Come and worship.

All: We come to be transformed.

***Presbyterian Hymnal 461**

God Is Here! *vv. 1, 4*

**God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

Prayer of Confession

One: God sees each one of us, and loves us before we have even begun to fulfil our potential. Let us confess the ways that we have fallen short of God's purpose for our lives, and open ourselves to God's reclaiming, renewing, restoring, Spirit.

All: Lord God, forgive us when we deny your image in ourselves or in others. Forgive us and make us more determined to look at one another with your eyes, eyes that love and heal and forgive as we are loved and healed and forgiven.

Assurance of Grace

One: May we each remember our baptism this morning. May we know God's blessing resting on our lives this day, and hear again God's voice calling us beloved children. And then may we respond to God's invitation to join in mission to the world.

All: We claim God's promise of new life! Amen!

Sing Glory GtG 582

Glory to God

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

One: Jesus takes on flesh and blood to live among us as our peace. Christ's peace which is rooted in our hearts through the Holy Spirit gives us courage to become peacemakers in this world of division. Begin by offering signs of peace to those who are close to you, and asking God's peace to be upon those who are far off. The peace of our Lord Jesus 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.

Cornerstone for Kids

Elder Nikki Lehman will lead the children (preschool – kindergarten, ages 3 – 6 years) through a spiritual journey of learning by listening, reading, and discussing bible stories as well as creating fun, hands-on crafts! The children will be excused from the worship service. Children are also always welcome to remain in worship.

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

One: We have been claimed by God, and invited into God's work in the world. Our ongoing ministry at Clifton Presbyterian Church is possible through the generous sharing of time, talents and treasure. Thank you for your support.

All: As we remember our baptism today, may we rededicate ourselves to growing as your beloved children, knowing the love God has for us, and sharing that love in every corner of the world. 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 66:1-5 (NRSVUE)

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
⁴ All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name." *Selah*
⁵ Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

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

All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Reading John 1:35-51 (NRSVUE)

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Come and see for yourself

Brian Cress

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presbyterian Hymnal 370 Just As I Am, vv 1-3

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

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