

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

Breath Prayer:

INHALE: God of grace, *EXHALE:* fill me with your fullness.



The Tenth Triad 28-29-30

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January 25, 2026
9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*
10:00 AM *Worship*

3rd 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: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

All: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

All: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

One: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who proclaim Jesus as our Lord:

All: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

***Presbyterian Hymnal 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vv. 1, 2**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

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: God of celebration and abundance, your generosity overflows in all that you have done for us, and all that you continue to do. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we forget who gives us all that we have. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others, when we choose not to share all that we have. Remind us of your overflowing generosity and the generosity shown by your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow in his footsteps, today and every day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Hear the good news! We worship a generous God whose love knows no bounds, whose compassion never fails, whose grace is freely given to all who would receive it. Family of Faith, In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

One: God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Let us share our offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

All: At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 36:5-9 (NRSVUE)

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

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

All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Reading John 2:1-11 (NRSVUE)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him

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 Abundance

Diane Walton Hendricks

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

Presbyterian Hymnal 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak, vv 4, 5

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

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.**

Celebrating Ministries

Ringling 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

Most prayers and liturgy adapted from Spill the Beans resources and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

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