

**February 9, 2025; 9:00 am**  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## **We Gather Together**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on Zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

**Prelude: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

*Kristina A.*

*(American folk hymn, Arranged by Cindy Berry)*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Pete W., Liturgist*

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,

**with new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.**

In your call toward deep waters,

**grant us faith.**

In your command not to fear,

**grant us courage.**

In your invitation to follow,

**grant us surrender.**

Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,

**that we might travel with you in the way of miracle. Amen.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

God who calls through the generations, you have always been inviting your people to join you in your holy work. Thank you for calling us to live as prophets and priests. Thank you for calling us to live as disciples and friends. Grant us attention, that we might hear your call this day, and grant us courage, that we might answer yes, bearing witness to resurrection power in a world that so desperately needs it. **Amen.**

**\*Sung Response: GTG 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy!”** *Linda D. & Jonathan P., Cantors*

**\*Call to Confession**

*Pete W.*

Gracious God, reveal within this community what we must do, what we must hear, and who we must welcome if we are to know Jesus among us. Give us the grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intended. Let us together confess our sins, saying

*A Wee Worship Book Fifth Incarnation, Wild Goose Resource Group*

**\*Prayer of Confession (Luke 5:1-11)**

*Pete W.*

Jesus, we hear your challenge to Peter:

**“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”**

The challenges around us can feel like deep waters, stormy seas which cause us fear and despair.

We hear Peter’s response of faith to Jesus:

**“because you say so, I will let down the nets.”**

Help us to respond to you with that obedience, in our uncertainty give us the strength to trust you.

When Peter sees the huge catch, he has a revelation:

**“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”**

Remind us of our own weakness and failures, give us humility and awe in the face of your glory.

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

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**“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”**

Remind us of our own weakness and failures, give us humility and awe in the face of your glory.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Help us hear Jesus’ encouragement to Peter:

**“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”**

May our repentance turn to joy and our fear to trust, send us out in your power to live and work for you.

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/response-prayer-based-on-luke-5111>, by Sam Hargreaves

## **\*Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Colossians 3:15, "The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body."

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 584** "Glory, Glory, Glory"

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

### **Psalm Reading: Psalm 138 (Common English Bible)**

page 577 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 772 (CEB)

I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord.

I sing your praise before all other gods.

**I bow toward your holy temple**

**and thank your name**

**for your loyal love and faithfulness**

**because you have made your name and word**

**greater than everything else.**

On the day I cried out, you answered me.

You encouraged me with inner strength.

**Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord,**

**when they hear what you say.**

Let them sing about the Lord's ways

because the Lord's glory is so great!

**Even though the Lord is high,**

**he can still see the lowly,**

**but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.**

Whenever I am in deep trouble,

you make me live again;

you send your power against my enemies' wrath;

you save me with your strong hand.  
The Lord will do all this for my sake.  
**Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord!**  
**Don't let go of what your hands  
have made.**

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (Common English Bible)**

page 62 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1250 (CEB)

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

**Children's Time**

*Confirmation Class*

**\*Sung response: GTG 170 "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"**

**Sermon: "Don't Be Afraid"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## We Respond to God's Word

### The Practice of Gratitude

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

### Offering Music: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

(by William J. Kirkpatrick, Arranged by Craig Curry)

### \*Offertory: "New Doxology"

### \*Offertory and Souper Bowl of Caring Prayer

### Prayers of the People

<b>Anna J*</b> (Katy J. mom)	Gib D.	Pass Family
Arnold L.	Carol D.	Pat D.
Bob & Ollive B.	Pete D.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Brian C.	Jesse F.	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Corinne C.	Kathy A* (Kevin B sister)	Sherry M.
Danielle B.	<b>Kathy G.</b>	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Darren B.	Liam A.	Vern A.* (Debra S dad)
Dick and Maryann*	Lynn M.	
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Marie L.	

### Larry and Sandy J, in the death of Larry's brother, [Lyle C. Johnson](#).

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know wants added to our prayer list, contact a Deacon or church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or

online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

## **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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

## **\*Sending Song: "I Will Follow"**

*(by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan)*

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude: "Where He Leads Me"**

*(by John S. Norris, Arr. by Cindy Berry)*

**WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2,2025**

Individuals in Person: 96

Zoom Households: 05

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
2/2/2025	\$1036.60	Tithes/Offerings
	\$20.00	Special Offerings
1/27-31 2025	\$621.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$270.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$1947.60</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

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## **This Week**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
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### **February 9**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Finding Hope-Pastor Craig  
Sunday School

### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am  
2:30-4:00pm

### **February 10**

Staff Meeting  
Personnel Team Meeting

### **Tuesday**

1:00-2:30pm  
7:00-8:00pm

### **February 11**

Loving Team Meeting  
Feed My Starving Children Planning Meeting

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am  
4:00-5:00pm  
5:00-6:00pm

### **February 12**

Men's Breakfast  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Confirmation Class

### **Thursday**

6:00-8:00pm

### **February 13**

GriefShare

### **Friday**

9:00-3:30pm

### **February 15**

Sunset Stitchers

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:30-12:30pm  
11:30-12:45pm  
1:00-2:00pm  
6:00-7:30pm

### **February 16**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Feed My Starving Children  
Sunday School  
Learning Team Meeting  
Worship Team Meeting  
PYA at the Woodlands  
Boy Scout Meeting