



Perils of Faith

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

— C. S. Lewis

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE "Allegro" from Concerto Op. 6, No. 2 Arcangelo Corelli
"Come, Sing to God" Hymntune, *Ellacombe*
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 40) Liturgist, Kent Meyer

O God, hear our cry.

We wait patiently for you.

O God, draw us from desolation.

We wait patiently for you.

O God, set our feet up on the rock.

We wait patiently for you.

O God, put a new song in our mouths.

You are our help and deliverer. Great is the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us to cleanse our hearts and to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide us from your love. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed we may participate in your love for the world. The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Assurance"

arr. Ken Berg
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Perils of Faith"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Meditation No. 15"

Flor Peeters

***DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 606)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

Following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

“I Danced in the Morning”

Shaker Hymn, p. 157

**Please stand if you are able.*



Announcements

Greeters this morning are Tami & Dan Scafe.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Presbyterian Women.

CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex today. Especially needed items are canned fruit, canned chili and toilet paper.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will be on Wednesday, January 21st at 12:00 noon in the church library. This week's topic will be "Reveal" Genesis Chapter 45. All are welcome to join!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will continue on Friday, January 23rd at 10:00am in the church library. All are welcome!

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 19, in the church library to discuss lesson 5 titled "The gift of the Woman who was Poor." We will be discussing how Joy in Christ can change challenging circumstances into faith-filled; even joyous times. We gather at 11:30 in the church library to share in fellowship before our lesson which begins at 12:00 noon. The Bible study books are still available in the church office or at our meeting. We hope you can join us!

Are you interested in helping with Fellowship Hour? Our 2026 Fellowship host calendar is almost finished but we need your help. One of the new groups hosting Fellowship Hour in 2026 will be called **Fellowship Hosts** and will be chaired by Sue Thomas. If you are a new member of the church or would like to help with treats, please let Brenda Dixon know in the church office and she will pass along your name to Sue. This will involve bringing treats two times in 2026. Thanks for helping Sue out!

Upcoming:

Monday, January 19—Church Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday/Tuesday, January 26 & 27—Elder/Deacon Retreat in the church library starting at 10:00am

Sunday, February 8—Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service

Tuesday, February 17— Pancake Supper sponsored by Grace & Grub

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9:30am Hospitality Committee
11:30am Presbyterian Women
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, January 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

12:00pm Bible Study
4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, January 22

10:00am Vacation Bible School Meeting
4:00pm Chancel Bells
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 23

9:30am Merry Marthas
10:00am Adult Study Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, January 24

9:00am Girl Scout Troop 76904
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, January 25

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship
1:30pm EVICS Childbirth Class
4:00pm Oratorio Society Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

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