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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

February 8, 2026

Liturgist: Lance Ide

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout aloud. Do not hold back.

**Lift up your voice like a trumpet.**

Is this not the fast that God chooses?

**To loose the bonds of injustice.**

To let the oppressed go free?

**To break every yoke.**

You are the salt of the earth.

**May we not lose our saltiness.**

You are the light of the world.

**May we not hide our light.**

Come, let us worship God of light and justice.

Hymn #50 Great is the Lord

*Please be seated.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips but have not followed through with our actions. We have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our lives have not been a testimony to your grace. We have lost our**

**saltiness and dimmed our light. Forgive us. Teach us the fast you choose and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the promise of Isaiah. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. You are forgiven and freed to choose the fast God chooses. You are forgiven for hiding your light and freed to let it shine. You are forgiven for losing your saltiness and freed to season the world again. **Thanks be to God.**

BELL CHOIR "Happy Birthday to You" – Mildred & Patty Hill/arr.Wagner

"How Great Thou Art" – Hine/arr.Helman

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" - Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit. As the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*If able, please rise in body or spirit.*

Hymn #462

Renew Your Church

*Please be seated.*

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

GREETING

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

**To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION

Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

**There are different ways of serving but the same God is served.**

There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

**The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

The body of Christ has many parts.

**It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.**

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

**All of us are Christ's body, and each one is part of it.**

## PRESENTATION and COVENANT

These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Beloved in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

**Individuals: *I am.***

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

**Individuals: *I do, relying on God's grace.***

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our disciples of Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church to Jesus Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

***Please stand in body or in spirit***

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, you heavenly host.**

**Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given us. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you're invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ's Table.)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

Holy God, we praise and bless you...

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,**

**the whole universe speaks of your glory,**

**O God Most High.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)*

***Please rise in body or in spirit.***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where Christ has met us, fed us, and renewed us in love. You have seasoned our lives with grace and kindled your light within us. As we go from this place, send us out as salt for a hungry world and light for places shadowed by fear and injustice, that our lives may give glory to you. Amen.

Hymn #541 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

BENEDICTION

Go now as salt that seasons and light that shines.

Choose the fast God chooses. Loose the bonds of injustice. Share your bread.

And know this. Why you do, your light will break forth like the dawn,

and God will say, Here I am. Amen.

***Please be seated***

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for February are Herb Volk and Lance Ide**  
**Communion Servers are Herb Volk and Doris Lindmeier**  
**Today's Ushers are Brian and Karen Rush**  
**Altar Guild the month of February are Karen Rush and Amy Smith**

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**2026 Consistory**

Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson

Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)

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Share the Love

# FOOD DRIVE

February 4-25

## About RamPacks:

The mission of RamPacks is to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children experiencing food insecurity in the Pennridge School District so they are able to come to school ready to learn.

Each week we will fill packs for hungry students with healthy breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the weekend and school holidays.

Donations go directly to students experiencing food insecurity at all Pennridge Schools.

## List of Accepted Food Items:

- 1 oz Chip Bags (Goldfish, Doritos, Takis, etc.)
- Clif Kid Z Bars
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- Nutri-Grain Soft Baked Bars
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- Special K Pastry Crisps
- Snack Pack Pudding Cups
- Microwave Popcorn
- 4 oz Fruit and Applesauce Cups
- Kraft Mac-n-Cheese Boxes
- Canned Pasta (Pop Tops ONLY)
- Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup (Pop Tops ONLY)
- Individual Boxes of Cereal

To learn more about RamPacks and the Share the Love Food Drive visit [www.RamPacks.com](http://www.RamPacks.com)

Thank you for your support!



# RamPacks

GOD OF MAJESTY & POWER

## Great Is the Lord 50

*Unison*

C F/C G/B C F G F C

Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his love.

C F/C G/B C F G F C

Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.

*Parts* Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/F F6 C Bb/C F/C Bb/C F/C

1 Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great is the Lord and  
 2 Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and

G G7 C Bb/C F/C Bb/C D D/F# G Bm7(b5)/F E E/G# Am

wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
 wor-thy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

Dm7 G7sus G7 F/C G7 Am Am/G Dm7 G7sus G7 F/G G7 | 1 c | 2 c

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!  
 Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

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462 Renew Your Church

1 Re - new your church, our min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
 2 Teach us your Word, re - veal its truth di - vine, on our path  
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near, your still voice  
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,  
 let it shine; tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace,  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you,  
 hu - man-kind; break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate,

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have loved us,  
 this the goal we pur - sue. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 sent your Son, and our sal - va - tion now is won, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will, and  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O

WORDS: Kenneth L. Cober (1902- ), alt.  
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

ALL IS WELL  
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send us forth with power en - dued, help us, Lord, be re - newed.  
 let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know your Word.  
 seek your guid - ance ev - ery day, teach us, Lord, how to pray.  
 share your grace from heaven a - bove, teach us, Lord, how to love.

# 541 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most mar - velous light;  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers to God's heart of love;  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple he in - tends;

called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
 brought his truth to life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
 but he brought you home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove.  
 strong in faith and swift to an - swer each com - mand your Mas - ter sends:

know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all his might - y deeds;  
 Let your light so shine a - round you that God's name is glo - ri - fied;  
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a Fa - ther's care;  
 roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;

tell of love which knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 and all find fresh hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 that they too may know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.  
 give your lives in joy - ful serv - ice—sing his praise, his love de - clare.

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# Lasagna Dinner

**Saturday March 7, 2026**  
 4:30-6 pm or till SOLD OUT

**St. Andrew's UCC**  
 615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasie, PA

Cost - Donation  
 Eat-In or Take-Out

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