FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Combined Worship Service
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Where Justice Rolls Down — Stromberg/Carlson/Donley
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:
God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?
When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:
God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?
No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.
God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.
Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!
We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #423
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun — DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

EMBODIED CONFESSION

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE — Alvin Philpotts
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

*Please stand if you are able.

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Karen Kinney

"Follow Me and They Did! But How and Why?"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What in the past has prepared you to say 'yes' to the invitation to follow Jesus? What have you brought along to your and the church's mission and ministry that shines the light of Jesus?

*SERMON HYMN

I Surrender All *(see back page)* SURRENDER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Ann Gisch and Bob Gisch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*SENDING HYMN #442

The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE No Other Name arr. Dan Galbraith

Contemporary Ensemble
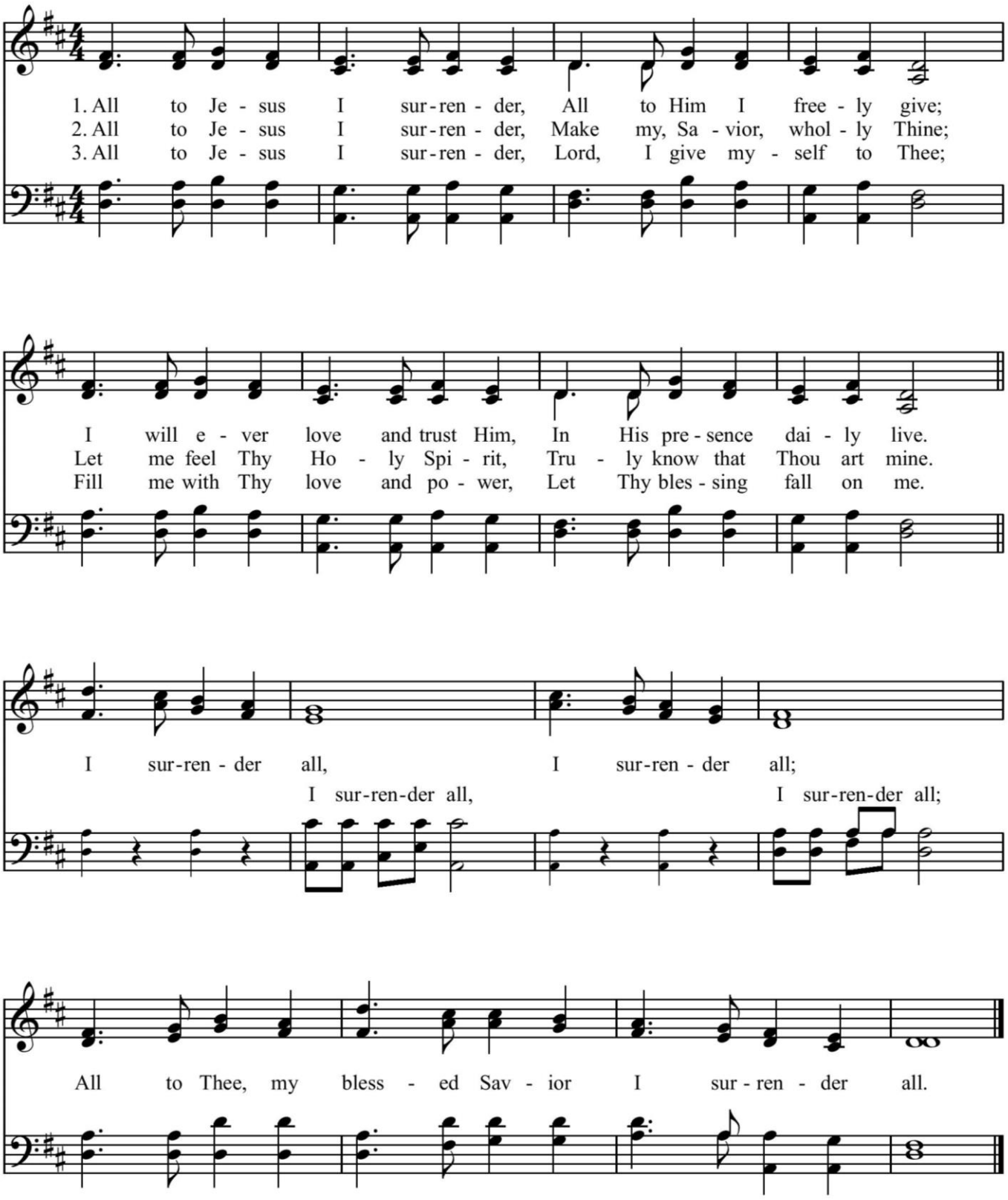
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