



ORDINATION + INSTALLATION SUNDAY

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ORDINATION *and* INSTALLATION SUNDAY

JANUARY 11, 2026

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

HYMN: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.*

PRELUDE

Song for the New Year
Stan Brunner

Rob Roy Peery

CHORAL INTROIT

Bless the Lord
Chancel Choir

Berthier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

ALL: *We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,*

One: in the wisdom of grandparents.

ALL: *We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'*

One: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,

ALL: *where the oppressed are set free.*

One: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

ALL: *We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,*

One: where hatred is overwhelmed by love,

ALL: *where all people are overwhelmed by joy.*

*HYMN: 81 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

There come those moments when we stand exposed, our failings, our hurtful words, our harmful way open for all to see. But God takes these moments, and these sins, redeeming them through compassionate love, making us new people, children of the Living God. Let us come, in these moments, with our prayers to the One who waits to forgive us and make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Rev. John White

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. John White

One: Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. The light of God shines through the darkness.

ALL: *Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst, and we are forgiven!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Chancel Choir

arr. Raney

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hannah Hallman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 92 While We Are Waiting, Come**

WAITING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 670-671)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3)*

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

A New Thing and Some Old Things

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
and COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS

(see insert)

*HYMN: 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee

Henry J. Markworth

Stan Brunner

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: 691 *Lord, When I Came into this Life*

LAND OF REST

SENDING

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Trust in God

Gibbons

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Song for a New Year

Gilbert M. Martin

Stan Brunner