



VERNAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
JANUARY 26, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

God Calls Us

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 50:1-5, 14-15

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵**“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

and perform your vows to the Most High,

¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

*Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

*Hymn #124

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law

Revelation 2:18-25

Prayer of Confession & Supplication

Eternal God, In You, we live and move and have our being, but Your face is hidden from us by our sins. In the blindness of our hearts, we forget Your mercy. Cleanse us from all our iniquities, and deliver us from all proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You in prayer, confessing our sins, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength, our hope and our salvation; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 2:26-29

*Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, My Soul

BEECHER

God Consecrates Us

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:1-21

Children's Word

*Hymn #110

Higher Ground

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Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Sermon

What is God Really Like?

Rev. Ro Taylor

Prayer of Intercession

***Confession 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. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #436**

GREATOREX

Offertory

***Doxology #434**

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***Offertory Prayer**

God Commissions Us

***Hymn #140**

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

***Departure Hymn**

Shalom to You

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Sha-lom to you now, sha-lom, my friends.
 May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.
 In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,
 Christ be your sha - lom; Christ be your sha - lom.



**The congregation is invited to stand.*

