

Statement of Purpose

By the grace of God to make disciples of all people both local and global. To enhance the deeper experiences with our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, Bible Study, witnessing, and the worship time.

Watchword for the Year

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.
Psalm 115:1

We praise, we worship thee, we trust,
and give thee thanks forever,
O Father, that thy rule is just and wise,
and changes never;
thy boundless pow'r all things reigns,
done is whate'er thy will ordains:
well for us that thou rulest.

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Divine Service

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday January 25, 2026

@ 11:00 am

**CALLED TO SERVE GOD THROUGH OUR WORSHIP,
WITNESS & WALK**

Worship Leader: Sr. Carol Richardson

Preacher: Br. Earl S. Goulbourne

Organist: Br. Hanjin Sa

Watchword for the Week:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1*

2026 Theme
"Faith, Fellowship & Forward Vision."



Order of Service

(* For those who are able, please stand



Welcome & Ministry Matters:

Prelude:

* **Call to Worship:** . Sr. Carol Richardson
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.

* **Hymn of Praise:** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation # 403 CH

(Those who are able to remain standing)

* **Liturgy:** Sr. Carol Richardson
Liturgist: *Let us pray the liturgy for the Third Sunday after Epiphany*

Almighty God, Creator of the planets and stars, we come to worship you and to
seek your help to keep our lives in the more excellent way. Guide us in our
worship today, as we beseech you to use this experience with you to recreate
and transform our daily lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(congregation sits)

Prayer of Confession: Sr. Carol Richardson
Holy Christ, we come to you knowing that we have fallen away from your
intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away
from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You
gave us life for us and yet we are willing to give so little at times.
Forgive us for not understanding that you laid down your life for us.
Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others
instead of ourselves. Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of
God. In your precious name, we pray. Amen



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understanding of prayer.

Who Should Attend: Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

First Session: January 28, 2026 - The Heart of Prayer

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SERMON NOTES

Topic:

Text:

Points to Remember

1

Assurance of Pardon:

Sr. Carol Richardson

Christ continues to lay down his life for us, so that we might have life. Christ continues to show us the way, so that we might live in the truth and the life. Christ continues to love us, so that we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Know that you are forgiven, loved, and given new life. **Amen**

Pastoral Prayer:

Br. Earl Goulbourne

God of all creation, who called every being into life, who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity, who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, we ask for your Spirit to unite us where we face lack of understanding and disunity in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.

And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts (SILENCE)

2

And in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims of conflicts, hatred, violation of life (SILENCE)

3.

And in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships resulting from the fear from caring for our neighbors and sharing with others of different ethnicities, cultures and faith communities. (SILENCE)

MY RESPONSE:

O God, save your people and bless your heritage. Strengthen your servants to continue steadfastly in the teaching of your apostles, in communion with believers everywhere. Help us to live and labor in one Spirit and make straight the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Light of the world, shine through all your people wherever they may be and whatever their calling. Unite us in our various callings that no workplace or social gathering shall be without your spokesperson. Amen.

MY PRAYER:

Song: Grace Alone by Scott Westley Brown & Jeff Nelson

*** Sharing of the Peace of Christ:**

Acknowledgement of visitors:

Birthdays this coming week:

*Jasmine Bascom 1/26, Krystal Walker 1/26, Vaughn O'Mard 1/27,
Iniebel Llewellyn 1/28, Mason Bascom 1/30, Annalesia John 1/30,
Eden Smith 1/30*

Hymn verse of Blessing

With Your Presence Lord (Tune-Covenant) # 447 MBW



Invitation:

In Christ, we are called into one fellowship - no longer strangers, but saints together. **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another, a peace rooted in justice, love, and reconciliation.

Anthem: Rejoice and Sing Praise *Arranged by Joel Rancy*

Worship through the reading of the Word

Preparatory Chorus: Change My Heart O God

First Reading: (responsive) Psalm 27: 1- 9 Sr. Sonia Haley

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Sr. Patria Palmer

*** Ascription of Praise:** "Glory be to you, O Lord."

Third Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 Sr. Carmen Harris

*** Ascription of Praise:** "Praise, praise,, praise
Praise be to You, to You, O Christ."

Hymn of Preparation: Teach Me Thy Way - UCG Atlanta

Sermon: Loosen Your Grip. Br. Earl Goulbourne

*** Hymn of Response:** Jesus, Guide My Path

Prayer: Br. Earl Goulbourne

Worship through Giving of Tithes and Offering:

[SMALL PLATE: In Support of our Common Ministries Fund]

Offertory Invitation:

We are called to be saints, not only in what we believe but in how we live and give. In gratitude for God's grace, let us offer our gifts - that love may be made visible, justice may take root, and Christ's peace may be shared with the world. Let us present our tithes and offering to God as we sing:

Offertory Chorus: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

*** Blessing of the Tithes & Offering:** Sr. Carol Richardson

*** Closing Hymn:** Guide My Feet - Morgan State University

*** Benediction:**

Br. Earl Goulbourne

Your heart beckons you to "Come! To seek God's face!" (based on Psalm 27:8)
Let us listen to the needs of our heart and leave this house of worship ready to seek, find and follow our Savior.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever.

Amen

Quiet Reflection

Postlude: *Go Now in Peace*



"The call of Jesus rarely comes when life is quiet. More often, it comes while nets are in our hands, coins are on the table, and plans are already in motion."