



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Second Sunday after Epiphany

“Come and See”

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

Pastor Richard Aylor

January 18, 2026

***We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.***

**Prelude**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

performed by Phyllis Pieffer

**\*\*Opening Chant**

“You Belong to Christ”

Purple Hymnal 492

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Welcome**

Pastor Richard Aylor

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,

**People: for God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“We Praise You, O God”

Purple Hymnal 612

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**\*\* Please stand if you are able**

**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

**Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*\* Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.

**People: Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**\*\*Response to Forgiveness**      "I've Got Peace Like a River"      Purple Hymnal 623 (v. 1)

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

**\*\* Please stand if you are able**

## Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.**

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

**49** Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
**3** And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
**4** But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."  
**5** And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
**6** he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
**7** Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**Ministry of Music**      “Abide with Me”      performed by Liane Rockley and Phyllis Pieffer

**New Testament Lesson**      John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**Sermon**      “Come and See”

**\*\*Response to Sermon**      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”      Purple Hymnal 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Doxology**                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      Purple Hymnal 606

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.

## Prayers of the People and the 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.**

**\*\*Closing Hymn**                      “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”                      Purple Hymnal 408

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**(Refrain)**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we’ll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you’re the one to profit when you say,  
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

**(Refrain)**

**\*\* Please stand if you are able**

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**Postlude**                      “How Majestic is your Name”                      performed by Phyllis Pieffer

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.*

*A special thank you to Phyllis Pieffer for being our accompanist this week.*

**For Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

**A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:**

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

**Office Hours:**

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**\*\* Please stand if you are able**

**Deadlines:**

**The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

**Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.**

**Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.**

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Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"

Red - "Songs for Praise and Worship"

Purple - "Glory to God"

Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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