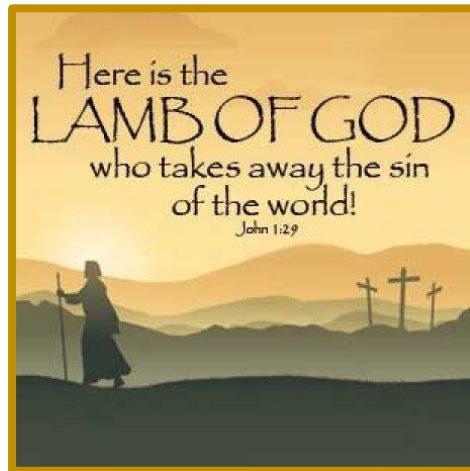




Clothing Body  
and Soul

# The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX  
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
JANUARY 18, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*This \* means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

*"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"*

J. Barnby/M. Ham

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

*"Fantasy on Jesus Calls Us"*

W. H. Jude/G. Brandon

**Please stand**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

People: **We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.**

Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

People: **Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.**

Leader: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

People: **Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Please be seated**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Please stand**

\*OPENING HYMN #726 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Please be seated**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

**Please Stand**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

\*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

**Please be seated**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

**ANTHEM**

*"With the Voice of Singing"*

**Sanctuary Choir**

By Martin Shaw

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)**

**John 1:29-42**

**SERMON**

**"TBD"**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**Please rise**

\*DOXOLOGY

*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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *A Declaration of Faith*)**

**All: We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** Holy God, we have come here looking for many things. You, who have shaped us and formed us, know our thoughts, desires and needs before they reach our lips. You know what we are looking for, and you know what we need, and yet, you invite us to come and see, to come and share the prayers on our hearts.

**People: Hear us now Lord, hear even the words we don't speak aloud.**

**Pastor:** We believe that your desire is for the healing of all nations, the reconciliation of all people, and the flourishing of all creation. It is our desire, too. We know that you are present in the places where there is more war than peace, more famine than feast, more death than life. Where we are complicit, forgive us. When we are indifferent, give us your eyes of compassion. If we are ignorant, help us see your truth and know how to live faithfully in such difficult times. We pray especially for those in our own community who are homeless, hungry and who feel invisible and unloved.

**People: Lord, may we truly be your hands, feet and voice.**

**Pastor:** We believe that you have made each and every one of us in your image, unique testimonies to your love and creativity. Still, there are so many of your beloved children who are hated, judged, feared and cast out from families, communities and nations. We know that you are with them; make us ready to accompany as we are able.

**People: Lord, may we always be a welcoming and loving church family.**

**Pastor:** As many of us remember the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., we give thanks for his work and witness, and for the prophets throughout time and in every place who have reminded us of your call and desire for our life together. For all who have given their lives for the sake of your name, working for your justice and reconciliation, we give thanks. We give thanks for those members of our community and leaders far beyond who are seeking justice and dignity for all people.

**People: Lord, help us to always be encouragers of those who serve you.**

**Pastor:** Nothing in creation is outside of your care, and we offer the prayers that are on our hearts today.... We entrust all of these prayers to you, praying in the name of Jesus as he taught us to pray, saying:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

**Please stand**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE Hymn #80**      *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*

"You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
Will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will  
clap their hands while you go out with joy!

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Folk Song from India/C. Phillips

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**Pianist/Organist – Marcy Lasseter**

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