



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

ALL: May we hear your call and speak your truth.

One: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

ALL: **Gather us in honest and faithful community.**

One: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

ALL: Give us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples as we worship you!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.



KYRIE #551

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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 THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of wonder, awaken us! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open us to be surprised! Enliven us with the power of the Word and presence of your Spirit. Transform us for our walk with you. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Blessed Are You

the Rev. David Annett

* HYMN # 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

(Glory to God, Hymn #606)

*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.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
ALL: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy* LAND OF REST

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #533 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

AMEN #554 *Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



SENDING

* HYMN # 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Thank you to Jim Bianchi for serving as liturgist this morning.

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