

# The Lord's Service

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

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PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Amen!**

 PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ, the Lord. Amen!**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 RESPONSIVE READING OF THE PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying;

I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

**Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.**

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

**O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

You shall not kill.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.**

You shall not steal.

**Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

**Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

 THE PEACE

 GLORIA PATRI

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. May the resounding voice of the living God be heard as the inspired words of scripture are read, preached and proclaimed. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 11:1-9

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**But the word of our God stands forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



PSALTER SONG

*Psalm 59B*

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 22:15-22

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

*True Spirituality*



THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING



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SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*

*Amidst us our Beloved stands,  
and bids us view his pierced hands;  
points to the wounded feet and side,  
blest emblems of the Crucified.*

*What food luxurious loads the board,  
when at his table sits the Lord!*

*The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!*

*O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
your present smile a heav'n imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be,  
let every saint your glory see!*

 HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

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 CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

 NUNC DIMITTIS

*Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold. This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.*

## **PSALTER SONG 59B**

I wait for You, because you are my strength,  
A mighty fort, a stronghold is my God.  
My loving God, my God, will meet with me,  
and let me look in triumph on my foes.

Let sinful deeds and lies catch up with them,  
because of lies and curses that they speak.  
In wrath consume that they may be no more;  
Let all earth know that God in Jacob rules.

But as for me, I'll sing about your strength,  
Each day with joy, sing of your steadfast love;  
for you have been my fortress, my defense,  
my refuge when the times of trouble come.

## **QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

*“One writes of scars healed, a lose parallel to the pathology of the skin, but there is no such thing in the life of an individual. There are open wounds, shrunk sometimes to the size of a pin-prick but wounds still. The marks of suffering are more comparable to the loss of a finger, or of the sight of an eye. We may not miss them, either, for one minute in a year, but if we should there is nothing to be done about it.” ~ F. Scott Fitzgerald, **Tender is The Night***





# Christ's Church *of the Hudson Valley*

CCHV is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We welcome you to Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley.

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## MINISTER

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## SERVICE TIMES

Worship: 10:30AM

Sunday School: 12:00PM

## CURRENT MEETING LOCATION

Chapel Field Elementary School

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## COVER

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. Post Tenebras Lux is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning "After Darkness, Light". The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

## NEW TO CCHV?

We're glad you're here! Please fill out a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate so that we can connect with you and pray for you.

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