



Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Gilbert Martin

The Call to Worship

Mark Spivey

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship

Cameron Schroeder

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 83

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

Jada Johnson

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Scott Nash

The Moment of Silence

Ben Browne

"The Call of the Disciples" by Malcolm Guite

He calls us all to step aboard his ship,

Take the adventure on this morning's wing,

Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,

Whatever storms or floods are threatening.

If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,

Then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,

For he is always with us and will hear

And make our peace with his creative Word,

Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set

All his beloved lovers in an ark;

Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float

Above the rising waves, the falling dark,

As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,

Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

*The Hymn of Offering	"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"	GALILEE
<i>Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea; day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me!"</i>	<i>In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still He calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."</i>	
<i>Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."</i>	<i>Jesus calls us: by Your mercies, Savior, may we hear Your call, give our hearts to full obedience, serve and love You best of all.</i>	
*The Prayer of Giving		Dawn Nash
The Offertory	"Amazing Grace"	Gilbert Martin
*The Doxology 706	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	OLD 100 TH
A Reading from the New Testament	Matthew 4:17-23	Caitlin Childers Brown
<p>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."</p> <p>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."</p> <p>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.</p> <p>Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.</p> <p>This is the Word of the Lord.</p> <p>Thanks be to God.</p>		
The Anthem	"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"	Cesáreo Gabaraín, arr. R, Kosowski
The Message	<i>Follow Me</i>	Caitlin Childers Brown
*The Hymn of Response 497	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	ASSAM
The Opportunities for Service		Cameron Schroeder
The Organ Postlude	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"	David Lowe
The Benediction		Caitlin Childers Brown