

***Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology*..... *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

**Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution** Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

(Please note that for Communion we use both
gluten-free and dairy-free bread or crackers.)

As you pass the bread/crackers, please say to the next person:
“The body of Christ, broken for you.”

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served,
so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness
in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

(Please note that for Communion the juice
we use is non-alcoholic grape juice.)

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served,
so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness
in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate
rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

***Hymn No. 170:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* *CRUSADER’S HYMN*

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*..... *arr. Weston*

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and
cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor
Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey,
Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns.

Monthly Prayer Focus for January

In January, we celebrate the Epiphany. God led the three Kings by a
star to find and worship the Christ child. The Bible is full of stories
of God leading people to do miraculous things because they felt
God’s leading: Noah, Abraham, and Paul to name a few. As you
pray this month, please consider the following:

- Lord, what are you asking of me? Please make it clear. Please
give me an unmistakable sign of what You want me to do. I am
truly listening and ready to follow Your leading.
- Please give me courage, Lord. I am leaning on You for the
strength to do what You are asking of me. Please give me
energy and clarity of purpose to follow Your leading.
- Focus on the first step to follow God’s leading. Ask: “Is this the
right way? Please open the door to help me get this done.” If it
is the proper first step, the next steps will become clear.
- God will not ask you to do more than you can handle. Ask
Him for the protection of your health and mental state. Some
projects can extract a cost from both of those.
- And, remember, whatever God asks us to do is for His glory,
not ours.

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Ways to Give to Redeemer:


- *Offering Plate*
- *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
- *Online:* <https://www.rpccerie.org/give.html>

To contact the church: info@rpccerie.org



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**Sunday Morning Worship
First Sunday after Epiphany
Celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord**

January 11, 2026

Worship Theme: *“The baptism of John summoned people of
Israel, and all nations, to repentance. God desires true,
heartfelt repentance, not mere outward compliance.”*

** The Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so*

**Welcome, Announcements, and
Introduction to Worship** Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *I Need Thee Every Hour* *arr. Rodriguez*

I need thee ev’ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O, I need thee, ev’ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee ev’ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need thee, O, I need thee, ev’ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I’d like: ☐ Call from the pastor ☐ Prayer for: ☐ Confidential

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Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

Liturgist: Know that the Lord, He is God.

Women: *it is He who made us, and we are His;*

Men: **we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Liturgist: Enter His gates with thanksgiving

Women: *and His courts with praise;*

Men: give thanks to Him and praise His name.

All: **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.** —from Psalm 100

***Hymn No. 226:** *As with Gladness Men of Old*.....Dix

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.

A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*..... Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

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His Word shall not fail you—he promised;
believe him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

O Lord our God, as we come to You confessing our many sins, we acknowledge that, during this past year, You know the ways in which our lives have not represented Your truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we have struggled to be warm and caring, and the times when we did not choose goodness.

Please forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect Your love. Please give us Your help and healing in our lives: that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord, and King. Amen

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Congregation: **I have confessed my transgressions to the Lord and He has forgiven the guilt of my sin.**

Liturgist: Blessed are the ones whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Congregation: **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!** —from Psalm 32:1, 2, 5b, and 11)

Thanks be to God!

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***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*.....*GREATOREX*

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**..... Thomas Brooks

Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of common greeting: “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
And the reply: “And, also with you.”

Note: The children attending Children’s Church may be go to their classroom.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer..... Zachary Harvey

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.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 140.....Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Winnowing Fork in Hand” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Matthew 3:1-17

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord’s Table..... Rev. Giffone

Offering: *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*arr. Rodriguez

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

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