

Bulletin for February 22, 2026

♪ **HYMN #321:** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* (vv. 1–4)

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (text in bulletin and overheads)

ONE: O God, you are a hiding place for us;

ALL: you preserve us from trouble.

ONE: Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

ALL: for in times of distress, God is with us.

ONE: The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

ALL: God’s steadfast love always surrounds us.

ONE: So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

ALL: We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

GOLDEN VERSE: (text in bulletin and overheads)

“Thus far the Lord has helped us.” 1 Samuel 7:12

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

God has given us so many gifts in Christ and in creation. We offer our gifts in gratitude for the possibilities we enjoy, trusting God to multiply what we bring for goodness’ sake.

♪ **HYMN #730:** *“O for a World Where Everyone”* (vv. 1–5)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (text in bulletin and overheads)

Lord God, we offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all the goodness you provide. Bless our gifts and our lives so that we become a source of goodness for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our hope. Amen

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN:

Dear God, we lift to You our children, our grandchildren, and all children who touch our lives. Help us to guide them with wisdom, grace, and love. We thank You for the gift of our children. In Your hands, we place them now and forever in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

♪ **CHILDREN’S HYMN #78:** *“This Is the Day”* (vv. 1–3)

SCRIPTURE: (on overheads) **Psalm 103: 1-5 & Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)**

Psalm 103:

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103

Acts 2:42-47:

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER:

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The Apostle Paul declared our hope, asking the question: "Who is in a position to condemn?" The Answer? "Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us." Trust this Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

♪ **HYMN #350:** *"To God Be the Glory"* (vv. 1–3)

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING: (text in bulletin and overheads)

God of Life, send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to stories from Scripture that may sound familiar. Speak your truth in ways that open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of your Living Word.

GOLDEN VERSE: (text on overheads)

“Thus far the Lord has helped us.” 1 Samuel 7:12

SERMON: “Thus Far the Lord Has Helped Us”

♪ **HYMN #689:** “*Simply Trusting Every Day*” (vv. 1–4)

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

♪ **SONG OF BLESSING #639:** “*We Are Marching / Siyahamba*”