

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA

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Celebrating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2026

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AND HE SAID  
TO THEM, "FOLLOW ME,  
AND I WILL MAKE  
YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

MATTHEW 4:19, ESV

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton!** Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at [www.chrighthamilton.org](http://www.chrighthamilton.org). Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. At Christ Hamilton we are an intentional community of faith, gathered in worship, united in fellowship and generous in our outreach.

Please know that **all are welcome** at Christ Hamilton! If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering. Please note there are also kids kits in the back for the children to utilize during the service. **Children’s church takes place in the Lighthouse until the middle hymn of the service if interested please ask an usher.**

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available and hearing assisting devices, please ask an usher if you would like one.

**Today’s service:** *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

**Altar flowers** are given in honor of Elliot Katherine Reed, by her grandmother Marleen Dymond.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

## SONG

## Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 9:1-4**

Reader: A reading from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.     **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Sung responsively.*

PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4-9



Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I  
fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**All: One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the  
temple.**

Cantor: For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,  
and raise me high up- | on a rock.

**All: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who  
surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the  
Lord.**

Cantor: Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.

**All: My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.**

Cantor: Hide not your face from me,  
turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

**SECOND READING****1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

Reader: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of First Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.     **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Message**

Daily – Prayer and reading the Bible

Give, Serve and be in relationships that help faith grow

Worship Weekly

*Please stand.*

### **SONG**

### **This Little Light**

- 1 THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE,  
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.**
  
- 2 EV'RYWHERE I GO, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
EV'RYWHERE I GO, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
EV'RYWHERE I GO, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE,  
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.**
  
- 3 JESUS GAVE IT TO ME, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
JESUS GAVE IT TO ME, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE;  
JESUS GAVE IT TO ME, I'M GOIN'-A LET IT SHINE,  
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards and help us to share the earth's resources with all in need. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. Be with those we especially raise to you now from our hearts and from our lips in need of prayer . . . . We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*The Peace is shared with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## **Offering**

*Please stand.*

## Offertory

What are you look - ing for? Come,  
see, come and see. What are you  
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . God of majesty,

**All: No eye has seen, no ear has heard**

**what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.**

**Use what we have gathered**

**to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: You are indeed Holy, Almighty and Merciful God.

You are most Holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all  
things for our salvation.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Minister: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do  
 this for the remembrance of me.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Minister: Let us pray together with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**All: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **Communion**

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

*Please come forward by way of the right hand aisle, receive the bread and wine, and return by way of the left hand aisle.*

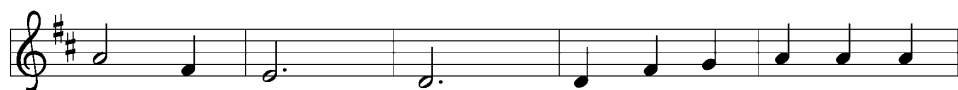
Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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# How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

## *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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*Please stand.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face  
of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and  
blood you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen**

**BLESSING**

Pastor: The blessing of Almighty God, the Father,  
the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

# We Are Marching in the Light of God



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **Worship Leaders**

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb  
Organist: Beth McElroy  
Lector: Sandy Lee  
Lay Assistant: Sue Butz  
Greeters: Brian Powers, Beth Ross and Donna Davis  
Choir Director: Tassy Gilbert  
Announcements: Amanda Balas, Office Administrator  
Videographer: Joey Marshall

**Prayer at the Rail** - Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer at the altar after the service for any concerns that you might have.

**Jan Birthdays:** Jeff Gilbert 1/26

**February Birthdays:** Rosie Potochnick, Emil Suarez 2/1, Denise DeVivo 2/2, Sharon Sabatine 2/3, Michelle Teeple 2/4, Amy Leap 2/5, Diane Smereczynsky 2/12, Eileen Dorshimer 2/15, Denise Bickford 2/21

**Helping the Homeless** meeting this Saturday, 1/31 from 10am-12pm at Zion Lutheran church in Brodheads ville.

**Fellowship Meal** at Frogtown on Wednesday, 1/28 at 5:30

**Pot-Luck meal and annual meeting** next Sunday 2/1 after church. Bring a dish to share! Reports are available in church and at coffee hour.