

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | JANUARY 18, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Prelude on "Rhosymedre"* Alice Jordan
Dan Lawhon

Welcome Erica Cooper

Choral Introit *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Processional Hymn No. 673 *Jesus, Light of Joy* LAUDA ANIMA
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Avery Allen

One: Free us of our indifference,

All: That we may know and do what is good.

One: Release us from the grip of greed,

All: That we may foster abundance for all.

One: Heal us of our self-concern,

All: That we may enter the joy of solidarity.

Prayer of Invocation Jackson Vaughan

Hymn No. 156 *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBURG
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps Jill Holley

Hymn No. 662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Psalter Reading Psalm 127:1-2 Erica Cooper

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer LaMon Brown

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.

Gospel Reading John 2:13-25 Eric Clark

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Anthem

Built on the Rock, the Church Shall Stand
Covenant Choir

Dale Wood

*Built on the rock, the Church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling—
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.
Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty is dwelling.
High in the heavens God's temple stands,*

*All earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heaven above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies God's temple.
We are God's house of living stones,
Built for God's own habitation;
God fills our hearts, God's humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek God's face,
God in their midst would show them grace,*

*Blessings upon them bestowing.
Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word
Where God this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen.*

Sermon

Overturing Business as Usual

Carolyn Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Erica Cooper

Hymn of Response No. 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

QUEBEC

Words of Dedication

Avery Allen

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"
Dan Lawhon

Alice Jordan

Offertory Response

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Life of the Church

Eric Clark

Benediction

Carolyn Foster

Postlude

Recessional on Psalm 150
Dan Lawhon

Alice Jordan

Jesus, Light of Joy

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

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

we a - dore you, light di - vine.
 God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

Sing of God Made Manifest 156



1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold, grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



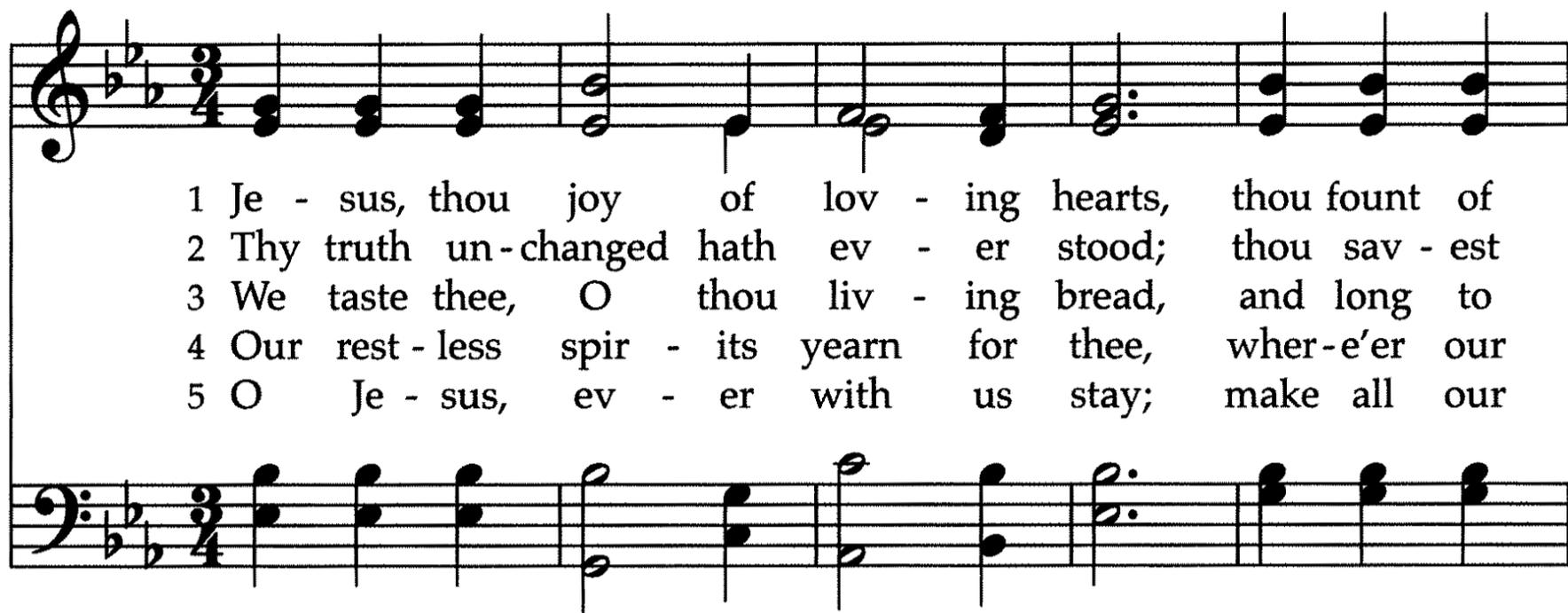
Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



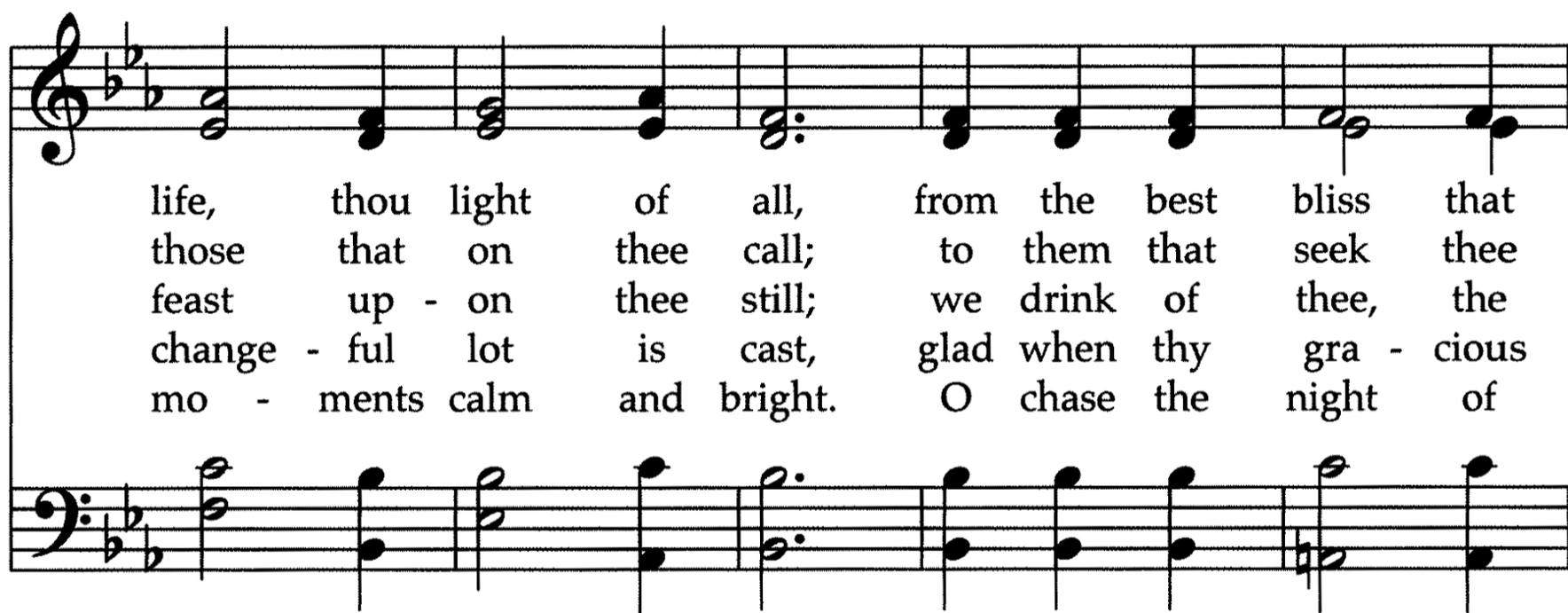
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



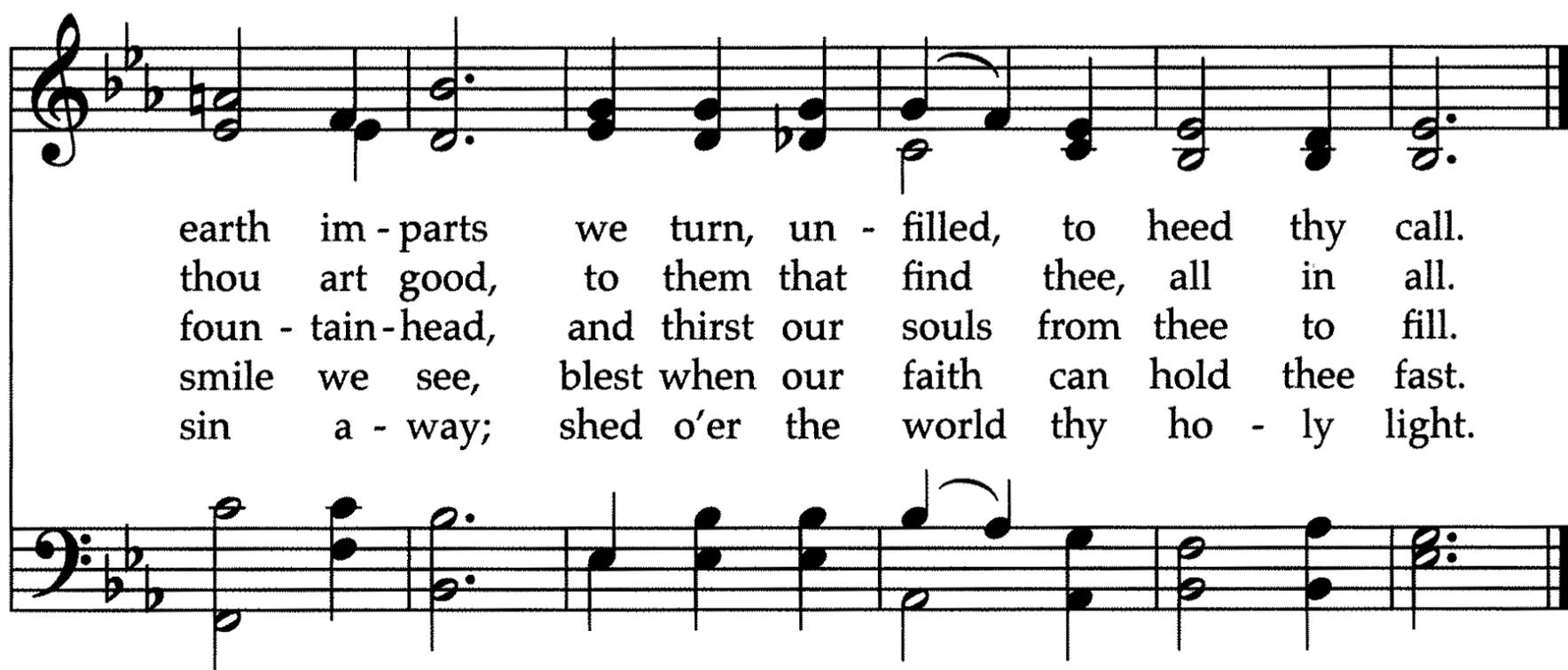
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494



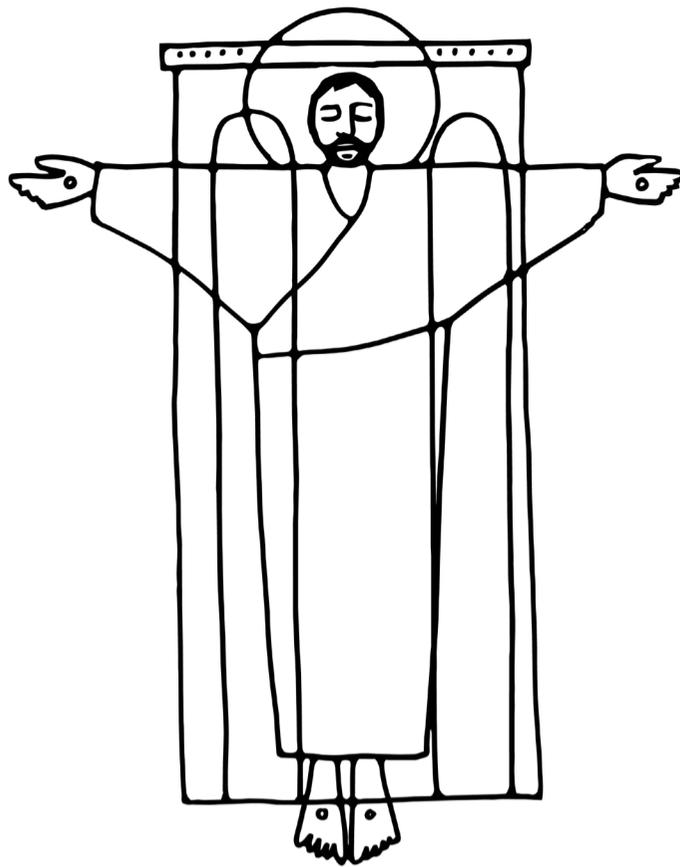
1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

3RD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE **Sunday, January 18**

BCOC is having its monthly Food Drive for Greater Birmingham Ministries today! Pantry needs include non-perishable items like canned vegetables, beans, fruit, meat, and soup. Thank you for helping BCOC's ministry to fill the GBM pantry!

OFFICE CLOSURE **Monday, January 19**

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Q1 BUSINESS MEETING **Wednesday, January 28**

Join us for the first quarterly business meeting of 2026 at 6:00 pm at the end of the month. The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom if you can't attend in person.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP **January 21**

What is our highest ideal of community? Is it the same for everyone? How do we truly be community together, when it is easy and when it is hard? Community isn't always easy, so what do we do when there are different ideas, desires, and needs? On Wednesday nights in January, we will tackle these hard conversations by looking at and talking about our values and how we might come together as one church to be a place where all find belonging.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.