

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches
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“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)"



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to worship with First and Holy Cross churches! Remember to join us for a delicious lunch today following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.
- A very special **thank you** to everyone who volunteered and helped with our outdoor community celebration worship last Sunday. Working together with the other ministries, it was a wonderful way to kick off our centennial year. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Carsten (Judd) and Theresa Ludder on February 22nd.
- Are you looking for a **church home**, or do you know someone who might be? Please contact the office or talk to one of the pastors for more information.
- **First Evangelical's Annual Congregational Meeting** will follow the worship service today. Printed copies of the Annual Report are available before the meeting. Members who have communed and contributed in the past two years are eligible to vote. The **Church Council** will meet after worship on Sunday, February 8th.
- **Holy Cross' – Church Council** will meet after worship on February 8th and the *Annual Congregational* meeting will be after worship on Sunday, February 15th.
- Have you visited First's **website** lately? Check out the weekly blogs, recent bulletins. Did you know we have regular social media posts? Like or follow us on **Facebook and Instagram**. Share favorite posts! Are you interested in receiving a weekly update from Pastor Dan with a preview for the upcoming Sunday? Email your address and ask to subscribe to "**First Word**" at felcpastor1@gmail.com.
- Join us on **Ash Wednesday**, February 18th, for the imposition of ashes. Drop by from noon to 1:00 or 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a brief prayer and ashes. Beginning February 25th, we will have a study on the **Miracles of Jesus**. Come at 6:30 for a soup supper, and the study begins at 7:00 pm. In the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

6 Listen to what the Lord says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
 let the hills hear what you have to say.

2 “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation;
 listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the Lord has a case against his people;
 he is lodging a charge against Israel.

3 “My people, what have I done to you?
 How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,
 also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember
 what Balak king of Moab plotted
 and what Balaam son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

6 With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
 And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
 and to walk humbly with your God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them.

He said:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Baker

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Blessed Are They*”

Blest are they, the poor in Spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the Earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

Blest are they, who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

Blest are they, who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs

Rejoice and be glad (rejoice and be glad)
Blessed are you (blessed are you), holy are you

Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

Blest are you, who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see

Rejoice and be glad (rejoice and be glad)
Blessed are you (blessed are you), holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

Rejoice and be glad (rejoice and be glad)
Blessed are you (blessed are you), holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE OFFERING

Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT (*Silence is appreciated*)

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AARONIC BLESSING AND BENEDICTION IN HEBREW

**P: “The LORD bless you and keep you,
Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’reicha.**

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”
Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v’yasem l’cha shalom.

C: Amen.

RECESSATIONAL SONG: “Rise Up O Saints of God”



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um -phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifiers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians / Singer	Sandra Baran /Emely Rowan	CAC-WPB
Lector	Gary Sellari	Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Ushers	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation's leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony** and **Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God's healing presence to be with: **Luis & Foil, Saul & Martha, Carol & Darryl, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Leona, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick; Lesley; Linda; Cyndy; Joan**; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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