



Murray Presbyterian Church

*January 11, 2026 10am Worship
Baptism of the Lord*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringing of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people.

People: **The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and for each other.**

Leader: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

People: **We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of the Spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

*Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray "

(PH 130)

Prayer of Confession

God you have given each of us many gifts,
**but sometimes we cannot recognize
what gift we have to share,
so we hide it under a bushel.**

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,
but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced

that some gifts are more special than others.

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,
but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts,
for those times we have cut another off from the body,
**We offer words of repentance,
we ask for forgiveness and grace.**

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response: “Gloria Patri”**

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.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon: “The Gifts that Differentiate Us”
(Grace Changes Everything, pt.10)

***Hymn: “We All Are One in Mission”** **(PH 435)**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "We Rest on Thee "

(see screen)

*Benediction and Benediction Response

May the Lord, mighty God

"May the Lord" words and music by Alfred V. Fedak, Keith Landis

Bless you and keep you forever

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Courage in every endeavor.

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Lift up your eyes and see His face

And his grace forever

May the Lord, mighty God

Bless you and keep you forever.

About the Hymn

Our closing hymn this morning was chosen to mark the seventieth anniversary of an event that one scholar called the “defining missionary narrative for American evangelicals during the second half of the twentieth century.” On January 3, 1956, five young missionaries-- Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Pete Fleming, and Ed McCully—embarked on a quest to take the gospel to the Waorani, an unreached, warlike tribal group in the Ecuadorian rain forest. The last thing they did before setting out was to gather for a time of worship. Jim Elliot’s wife, Elizabeth, described what happened: “At the close of their prayers the five men sang one of their favorite hymns, ‘We Rest on Thee,’ to the stirring tune of ‘Finlandia.’ Jim and Ed had sung this hymn since college days and knew the verses by heart. On the last verse their voices rang out with deep conviction. ‘We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender, Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise....’” Tragically, five days later they were killed by the Waorani, becoming the most well-known missionary martyrs of the twentieth century. Their story is told in Elizabeth Elliot’s *Through Gates of Splendor* (which takes its title from a phrase in the hymn). It has also formed the basis for several films, including: “Through Gates of Splendor” (1967), “Beyond the Gates of Splendor” (2004) and “End of the Spear” (2006), all of which are available on various streaming platforms.

WC: Worshiping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Announcements

Thank You

This Christmas season has been such a bittersweet time for our family, mixing remembrances of Christmases past with anticipations of celebrations to come in some new setting. But in the midst of it all, you once again blessed us with a generous and thoughtful gift. Thank you for this renewed expression of affection. We will cherish whatever experiences it enables us to enjoy and remember the spirit in which it was given.

Love, Bill, Stacey, and John

Annual Meeting

The Session has called the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, January 18, 2026, immediately following morning worship in the sanctuary. This meeting is called for the purposes of receiving reports from congregational boards and committees, reviewing the year-end financial report, receiving the budget adopted by the session, reviewing the pastor's terms of call, acting upon a motion to concur in the pastor's request to have the pastoral relationship dissolved, and receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee to elect officers for the coming year. Reports are due today. Anyone responsible for submitting a report should turn it into the church office.

(preferably as a Word document sent to murray.presbyterian@gmail.com)

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