

# SIX MILE RUN REFORMED CHURCH

Celebrating God's Diversity

Order of Worship – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Happy New Year!

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*Call to Worship Psalm 147: 12-20

Called to be God's people, we gather to praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! **The Lord our God brings peace and fully satisfies the hunger of the needy.** Called to be God's people, we gather as a part of God's eternal kingdom. **The Lord our God offers us security in the shelter of God's holy presence.** Called to be God's people, we gather in our sacred space to praise God – as inheritors of God's promises from ages past, yet which are still relevant. **The Lord our God has revealed the truth of our special relationship with God – because God has uniquely blessed all God's own people. Praise the Lord! Amen.** -*Timeless Psalms Joan Stott!*

### **\*Opening Hymn: "Sing to the King"**

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### **Words of Assurance and Call to Confess**

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession (adapted from Jeremiah 31:7-9, 13):**

L: We cry out: "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel," for we are a people in need of saving.

P: **You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved.**

L: We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise;

P: **You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision.**

L: Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation.

P: **By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way. Amen.**

### **Words of Reassurance**

#### **\*Gloria: "Glory Be to the Father"**

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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.

#### **\*Summary of the Law and Passing of the Peace**

#### **\*Hymn of Peace: "Peace Before Us"**

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Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

### **Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSVUE)**

**31** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**32** It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

**33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**34** No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Meditation: “I Give You My Heart”**

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## **GOD SENDS US OUT**

**Call to Self-Offering:** *Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings*

**\*Doxology: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

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Holy Father, Holy Son; three we name you,  
Through in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you,  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gathering of Joys and Concerns**

*“Thanks Be to God” or “Lord, Hear Our Prayer”*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

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**\*Benediction**