

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

“The Gift of Love”

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jan Taylor

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth and everything in them.

**People: God calls us to be builders as well.**

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

**People: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

**People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**People: to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.**

**\*HYMN #4**

“How Great Thou Art”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer*

*“Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House”*

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have**

**not loved you with our whole hearts or love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*RESPONSE #623**

“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.

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 43:18–19

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:12–14

**RESPONSE**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Finding Your Purpose”

Mrs. Sarah Cornell

*\*please stand as you are able*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #204**

“Rock of Ages”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory "Healer of Every Ill"*

**\*RESPONSE** "Doxology" (#625)  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all  
creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

## SENDING

**\*HYMN #379** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

## \*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## \*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim  
Christ's love and Grace through serving and nurturing  
body, mind, and soul.**

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE** "This Little Light of Mine"



Please join us in the  
fellowship hall  
for refreshments  
immediately  
following worship!

## This Week at Swift

**Sunday, January 26**  
Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
Worship in the sanctuary, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 22**  
Intercessory Prayer, 9 a.m.  
Food Pantry, 10 a.m.

## LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor  
Jenni Cain, Pianist  
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant  
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant  
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

# Welcome to Swift Church

January 26, 2025

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