

You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. Please place them in the prayer basket on the table to your right as you entered (prayer request sheets are in the basket), or if online use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Please indicate if the request is not public (i.e., for the pastor alone). Your financial offerings can be placed in the offering box next to the prayer basket. Restrooms are found in the hallway to the right after exiting this room.



Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church

Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo

The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Service for the Lord's Day ~ February 8, 2026 5th Sunday after Epiphany and in Ordinary Time With Ordination and Installation of Officers

Welcome The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence

We invite you to a time of silent meditation and companionship with God.

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Psalm 65:1-4, 8

O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing
we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here.

We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there.

We do need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;

Our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;

Our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;

Our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you.

Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need,

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Reconciliation

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God to be forgiven and restored to wholeness.

Unison Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Isa. 43:4; Luke 3:22

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our overwhelming world of confusion. We acknowledge that, while we long for the transforming power of your love to work in these fearful hearts of ours, we also secretly long for an escape. We want to be relieved of the responsibilities and challenges you set before us. Forgive us, O God, and renew our trust in your power to change lives through love. Give us clarity of vision to see how the hard roads on earth become pathways to heaven.

Silence follows . . .

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Hymn #469 (*please rise*) *Morning Has Broken*

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 58:1-12 and Selections from Matthew's 5th chapter
Come Holy Spirit (*silence is kept for reflection*). This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Jesus is for Losers & Sinners*

Response of Faith *from The Confession of 1967, 9.32*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Hymn #358 (*please rise*) *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Sharing Joys & Concerns - Prayers of the People

We resolve to pray for each other, our community, and our world at 10:10 am or pm –

10:10 being the time we worship on the Lord's Day. Join in whenever you can remember to do so.

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.

A Time of Offering

Offering Prayer(*unison*)

Christ Comes! Our hearts are full, our joy is boundless. May this offering be a living message of peace, love, spirit, joy, and hope to this church, to this community, to this nation and the world. Amen

Hymn #391 (*please rise*) *Take My Life*

Charge to the Congregation & Benediction

God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.

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