

The Falls Village Congregational Church
January 18, 2026, 10 a.m.,
2nd Sunday of the Epiphany
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude – Gavotte - J. S. Bach

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (Psalm 40):

One: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

All: *He drew me up from the desolate pit and made my steps secure.*

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

All: *Let us speak of God's Good News and steadfast love to the great congregation.*

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Mysterious God, you have come into our world as a peasant child. You have named us through the waters of baptism. You have put a new song in our mouths to sing of your steadfast love. Bring now, we pray, your light to meet our longing, your grace to match our hope. Dwell among us so that we might experience who you are and whom we might become in your name. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #582 “Come Down, O Love Divine” DOWN AMPNEY

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we confess that we are uncertain. So many things that seemed sure and good have come up empty, led us astray, and exhausted us. Forgive us for trying to seek meaning in empty promises and temporal desire. Reveal your light by which we might seek you, in which we might dwell with you, through which we might become our true selves. Lord, hear our silent prayers of confession...

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

*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.*

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And, also, with you.*

One: Let us pass the peace.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7
John 1:35-41

Susan Kelsey
Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

Sermon: “Come and See”

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - arr. S. DeFord

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: #595 “Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Benediction

Benediction Response – God Be with You till We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again*

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Scripture Lessons for January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

John 1:35-41

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed^[a]).