CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

February 8, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Praise Ye the Triune God (#59)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (#57)

*Confession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Deuteronomy 7:6 – 26

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

As the Deer (#538)

Sermon – Guest Pastor Darcy Caires

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Closing Song

How Firm a Foundation (#294)

*Gloria Patri (TH #331)

*Benediction

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and too weak to climb; we are in the foothills when we should be on the heights; we are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities. We are blind while the light shines around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but refuse. We believe – help our unbelief. Amen.

Food for Thought

In 1535, Luther wrote a book for his barber containing practical advice on prayer. In A Simple Way to Pray, Luther recommended that prayer be the first business of the morning and the last at night. Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, "Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that." Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day.

Pray for each other, Christ the Shepherd, and your Elders.