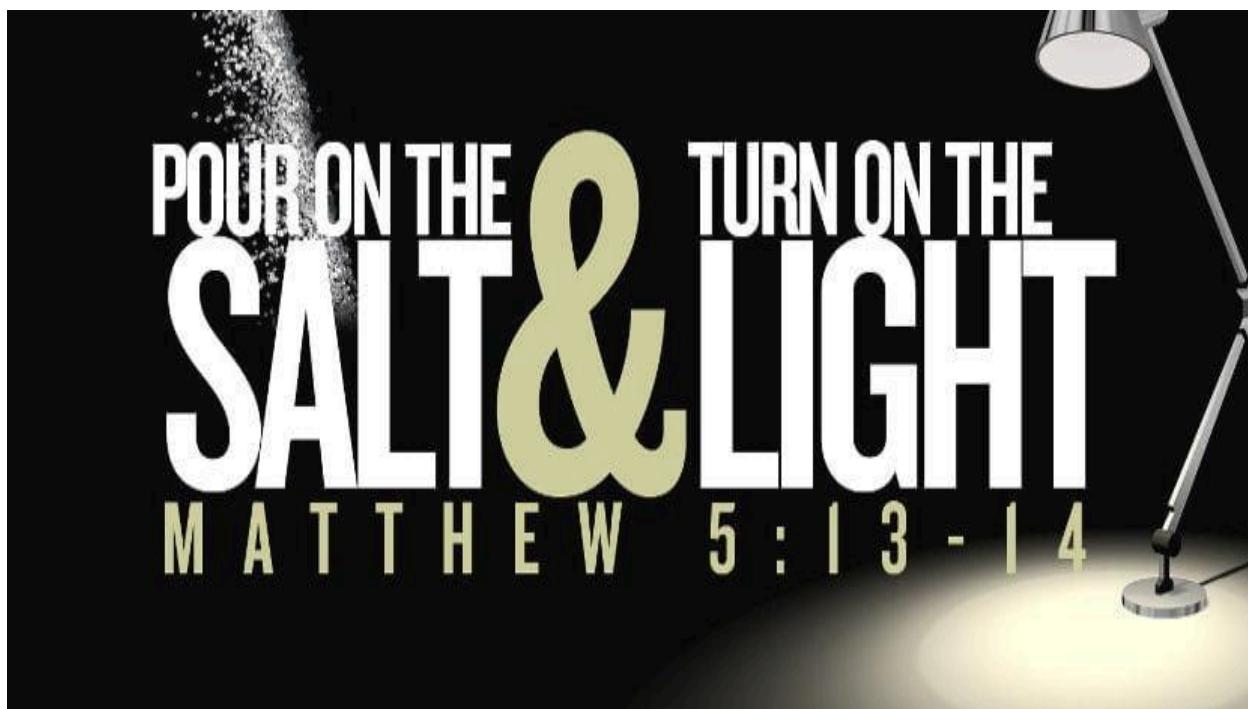


# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2026

9:30 am



## Welcome /VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
beliefs,**

**and those who are cognitively  
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,  
**each one engaged in ministry,**  
**seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,**  
**and embodying God's love for the world.**

## **Prayer Candles**

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

## **We Gather**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship based on Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

**We will honor the Lord, and adore God's commandments, to be truly happy!**

We are descendants of the strong throughout the land.

**We are offspring of those who do right and are blessed.**

Their righteousness stands forever.

**We will also shine in the dark, when we are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.**

We will be the people who lend generously

**People who conduct their affairs with justice.**

\*Hymn # 726 Will you come and follow me (The Summons)

### Call to Confession

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice:

### Prayer of Confession

When we forget the fast you desire—

To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we forget the prayer you love—  
To show compassion, and care for those in need:  
**Christ, have mercy.**

When we forget the rituals you require—  
To create relationships of righteousness and peace:  
**Lord have mercy.**

### Words of Assurance

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus  
forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore,  
and raise up faithful foundations for new generations.

written by Rev. Susan A. Blain, and posted on the United Church of Christ's

Hymn #425 "Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace"  
(vs. 1-2 please remain seated.)

## **We Reflect**

### Prayer of Illumination

God of mystery  
guide us in this time of worship.  
Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment  
so that others may see your good works through us,  
give you the glory,  
and be moved to serve you. Amen.

First reading from the Prophet Isaiah 58:1-9a

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13-20

## SERMON

\*Hymn #721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

### **We Respond**

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

#### Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

#### Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the year).

#### Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

### **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #450 Be thou My Vision

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —  
**to add flavor to the world.**

Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —  
**to add illumination and beauty to the world.**

Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —  
**to respond to the needs of the world,**  
so that God's presence may be revealed

to all the world.

**Amen! Amen!**

~ posted on the website of the Caldwell United Methodist Church.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

*(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)*

POSTLUDE

**\**Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.***

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