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February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO ALL!**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

# Granite Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude      “He Took The Cup”      Parker

Congregational Introit      “O Come and Sing Unto the Lord”

# 214 (PH) verse 1

Call to Worship:      Sue Meekins

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord

**All: Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,

**All: singing joyful songs of praise.**

Opening Hymn      “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #210 (PH)

Call to Confession      Andrea

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have not walked blamelessly and done what is right; we have not spoken loving truth from our hearts. We have slandered others, we have not helped our neighbors, we have followed the wicked and those who neither fear you nor honor you. We have not stood up for others even when it may have hurt us. We have caused pain. Forgive us, Lord, that we might keep your commandments, know we abide with you, and we dwell in your kingdom. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment for reflection on these words and your own heart)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Andrea

Those who do justly by others, love kindness and walk humbly with God—living without deceit, or control, or rush, shall never be moved. For those who are called, Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Thanks be to God for the good news of the gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Hymn “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

#329 (PH)

Prayer for Illumination

Sue

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-30

Sue

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Anthem: “Like Him”

Peterson

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Andrea

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute

you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Praise to You O Christ**

Sermon

The Path of Least Resistance

Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

Call to Offering

Andrea

The Offertory

“In The Quietness”

Higgins

Doxology

#593 (PH)

Prayer of Dedication

Sue

**All: Thank you, God, for having blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your kingdom’s reign with all creation. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving/Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN**

Closing Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"#357 (PH)

Charge and Benediction

Andrea

Postlude

"Communion Thoughts"

Barrett

## Prayers for the week of February 1

*(Please let us know when we need to add/remove folks to our weekly prayers)*

**Liz Haymire and the family** - for healing

**The family of Ken Geisler**

**The family of Janis Piper** - cousin of Pam Adams

**The family of Kim** - Shannon's cousin

**Brad** - Continued healing

**Ryan Firebaugh** - adjusting medications

**Lee Sassi** - entered hospice care

**Baby Enslie** - has Leukemia friend of Joan

**Gloria** - Cheryl's mother healing from a fall

**Lauren** - starting updated chemo regime

**Kathy** - Joan's friend continued health issues

**Pam** - recovering from shoulder surgery and healing

**Addy P** - 3 year old with spinal tumor (family friend of the Spezzano's)

**Rodney J** - home, new concerns for retina, continued prayers for healing

**Jeff** - Surgery went well, prayers for continued healing

**Isabel** - continued health issues, new meds causing more issues

**Kathy** - Joyce M. sister - terminal cancer

**Wyatt** - grandson of Joyce's friend, going through chemo

**Wally** - Dan's daughter in law's father, Pancreatic Cancer

**Jim** - Gail's brother in law, Blood Cancer

**Pete** - Diane's uncle, health concerns

**Billy** - Sue's brother continued prayers for healing

**LJ**- improving health

**Kathy S.** - doing better, continued prayers for healing

**Dick** - Debbie's brother in law, stage 4 melanoma, and wife, **Debbie**

**Tim** - friend of Parson's with stage 4 cancer

**Holly** - Joyce's doctor diagnosed with breast cancer

**Toney** - continued healing so he may one day eat solid food

**Lee and Pat, Jean, Angus, Kevin,**

**Our brothers and sisters around the world who are dealing with natural disasters, famine, war, violence, persecution, unrest. Help world leaders to desire peace and justice for those in their charge.**

**Continued prayers for Ukraine and the Middle East.**

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**GRANITE PRAYER LIST REQUEST** - (Please tear off and place in offering plate)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Addition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deletion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pray for (or, please remove):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include an address if you would like this person to receive a card of acknowledgement.**

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## **Staff**

**Rev. Brad Dietz** – Pastor, [bdietz45@gmail.com](mailto:bdietz45@gmail.com)

**Sue Meekins** – Administrative Assistant, [sdmeekins@verizon.net](mailto:sdmeekins@verizon.net)

**Patricia Hoover** – Organist

## **Elders**

Class of 2025 - Wayne Dell; Mike Kahn, Clerk; Jay Parson

Class of 2026 - Jeff Jeffries; Karen Koelbel; Joyce Peugh;

Class of 2027 - Dan Conaway; Cheryl Spezzano

## **Deacons**

Class of 2025 - Michelle Dietz; Joan Mathena; Joy Parson;  
Barry Smith

Class of 2026 - Gail Conaway; Lili Evans; Sue Meekins

Class of 2027 - Cindy Kahn; Sarah Mathena, Moderator

## **Treasurer's Report:** December 2025

Income: \$6,128.41              Expenses: \$9,940.80

## **Announcements**

<https://granitepresbyterian.com/calendar/>

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Zoom **Prayer Circle** at 7pm

**Bible Study** in Social Hall @ 6pm, February 11th

2nd and 4th Wednesday in February

February 12th - **Breakfast Club** at Sawmill Cafe at 9:30am

(just time for the congregation to visit and share life)

Congregational Meeting - February 8 following worship

Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 17 from 5-7:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship - February 18 at 7pm

**Per Capita** Just as we offer our gifts to the work of God here in Granite by our tithes and our talents, Per Capita is our church's way of participating in what God is doing throughout the Presbytery of Baltimore and throughout the PCUSA. This year, our per capita giving is \$45 per member. If you want to contribute for your family please mark "per capita" in the check memo or on the giving envelope. Thank you.