

2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 25

Lucknow Presbyterian Church

Lucknow Presbyterian Church – Rev. Rob Royal

Lucknow United Church – Pastor Linda Roberts

Trinity United Church – Pastor Linda Roberts

Christian Reformed Church – Rev. Raymond Evans

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope
when you were called.” (Ephesians 4:4)*

Musical Prelude: Christian Reformed Church Praise Team

Words of Welcome: Barbara

Land Acknowledgement: Barbara

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect
that we are gathering on the traditional territory
of the Saugeen First Nation.
Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

Mission Moment: Barbara

Responsive Call to Worship: Raymond

One: Come, let us worship our God.

All : For there is one Lord ; one faith, one baptism, one God.

One: Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**All: We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.**

Song #299 ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and ever more shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou are holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
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Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Lord's Prayer: Raymond

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 and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon & The Peace of Christ: Raymond

Music Ministry:

Song #461 'Be Thou My Vision'

Verse 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom; be thou my; true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Verse 3

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my ardor and be thou my might;
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Verse 4

Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
Thou my inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High Kin of heaven, my treasure thou art!

Verse 5

High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Song #746 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus'

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Children's Time: Raymond

Invitation to the Offering: Raymond

Offertory Music: Malinda Zettler

Offering Dedication Prayer: Raymond

Prayer for Illumination: Linda

OT Reading: Isaiah 58:6-11 (Linda)

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Responsive Psalm 97 (Linda)

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him

and consumes his foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.**

All who worship images are put to shame,
those who boast in idols—
worship him, all you gods!

**Zion hears and rejoices
and the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments, Lord.**

For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**Let those who love the Lord hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.**

NT Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13 “Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ” (Linda)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

One: This is the Word of the Lord. (Linda)

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection: 'Unity in Christ' (Rob)

Song #471 'We Are One in the Spirit'

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restore,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Communion Liturgy: Ministers and Elders from LPC, LUC, CRC, & TUC
(Rob to lead - see separate communion liturgy)**

Prayer for Christian Unity: Linda

Song: The Blessing

Verse

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

Bridge 1

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

Bridge 2

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you

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He is for you
He is for you

Benediction: Raymond

Musical Postlude: God of Revival

Verse 1

We've seen what You can do oh God of wonders
Your power has no end
The things You've done before in greater measure
You will do again

Pre-Chorus

'Cause there's no prison wall
You can't break through
No mountain You can't move
All things are possible
There's no broken body You can't raise
No soul that You can't save
All things are possible (things are possible)

Chorus

The darkest night
You can light it up
You can light it up
Oh God of revival
Let hope arise
Death is overcome
You've already won
Oh God of revival

Verse 2

You rose in victory and now You're seated
Forever on the throne
So why should my heart fear what You defeated
I will trust in You alone

Bridge

Come awaken Your people come awaken this city
Oh God of revival pour it out pour it out
Every stronghold will crumble
(I) Hear the chains hit the ground
Oh God of revival pour it out pour it out

Interlude

Oh oh God of revival