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WORSHIP

*Saturday
Praise & Worship
6:00 p.m.*

*Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for all ages
9:30 a.m.

Andrew Howe
Senior Pastor

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Music Director

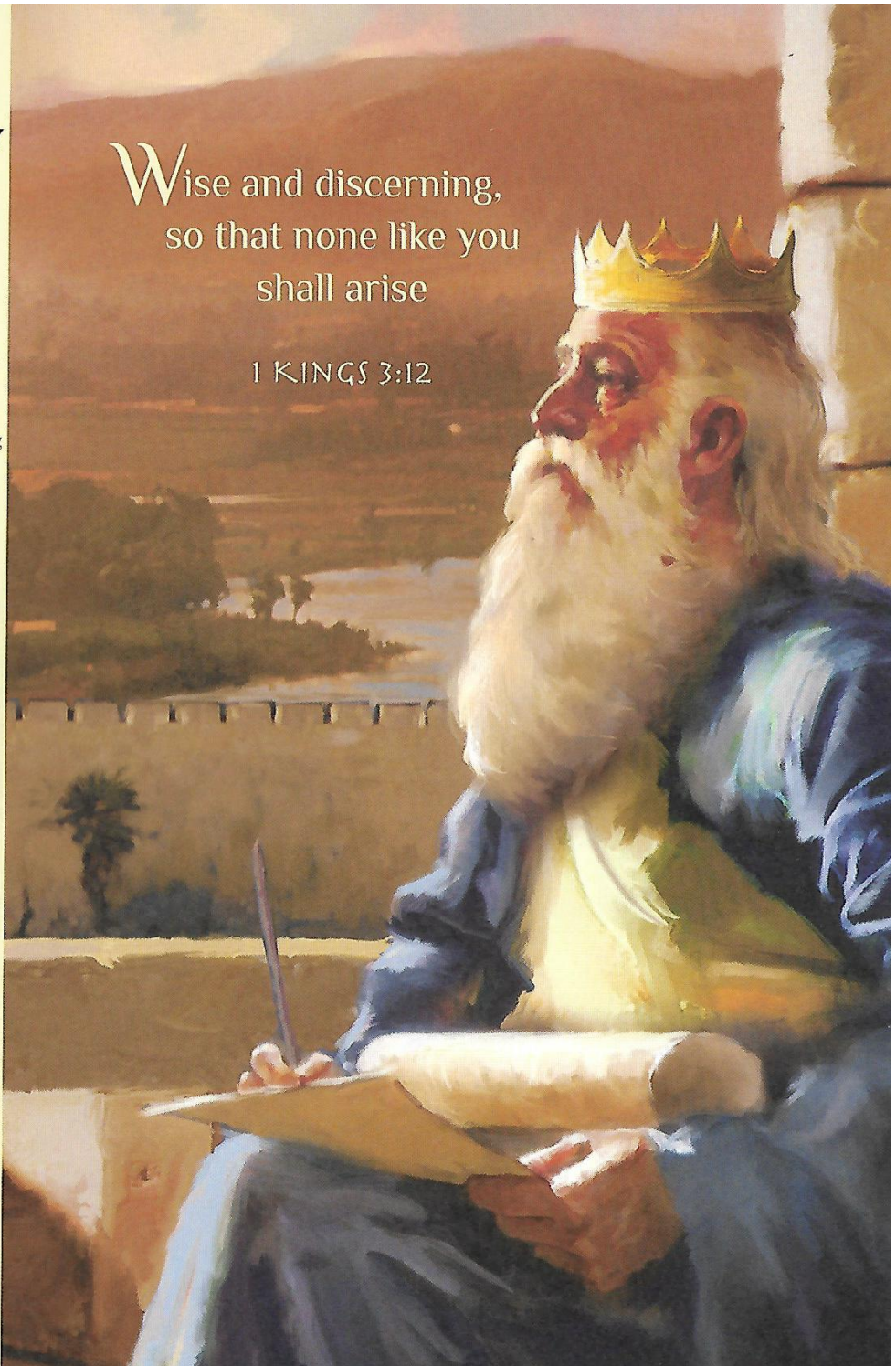
Katie Simmons
Director of
Contemporary Worship

Zachary Boeyink
Vicar

Jerry Bisping
Director of Christian
Outreach, Emeritus

Wise and discerning,
so that none like you
shall arise

1 KINGS 3:12



As We Gather

This week we enter the season of Epiphany. The day of Epiphany, January 6, is the day set aside by the Church to celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. It is sometimes called, "The Gentile Christmas." In fact, in many parts of the world, January 6 (the day after the Twelve Days of Christmas) is the day on which the birth of our Lord is celebrated and gifts are exchanged. The word "epiphany" means "revelation" or "manifestation", and we are reminded that Epiphany is the season of light, when we celebrate the revealing, the manifestation of Jesus as the true Light of the world and the world's Savior.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *"King of Kings"* -Hillsong Worship

OPENING SONGS: *"Here I am to Worship"*

**Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you**

Chorus

**So, here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly you came to the Earth you created
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)**

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (Repeat)
(Chorus 2x)**

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"Light of the World"

**Light of the world
Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars
In the wintry sky**

**Joy of the Father
Reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth
Send the shadows to flight**

**Light of the World
From the beginning
The tragedies of time
Were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory
You saw my story
God You entered in
And became one of us**

**Chorus
Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
For the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing Hallelujah
To the Light of the World**

**Light of the world
Crown in a manger
Born for the Cross
To suffer, to save
High King of Heaven
Death is the poorer
We are the richer
By the price that He paid (Chorus)**

**Light of the world
Soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes
He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us
Straight into glory (Chorus)**

**And there He shall reign
Forevermore
Forevermore**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ is life, the life which is the light of the world.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

But we have loved the darkness instead of the light and we are afraid of the light, because it exposes our sin.

Whoever lives by the light, welcomes the light, so that what we have done is exposed and what God has done to redeem us is plainly revealed. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We confess to You, all-knowing God, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; that we have loved the darkness and have not walked in the light of Christ. But for the sake of Christ and in the name of Christ, forgive us and restore us, that we may walk in the light today and always. Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE:

"Great Are You Lord"

Verse

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord**

Chorus

**'s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise**

(Verse) (Chorus 2x)

Bridge (3x)

**All the earth will
Shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (Chorus 2x)
To You only**

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 *(The Lord promises to visit His people as light, attracting other nations to His glory.)*

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 *(Paul rejoices in his calling to preach to the Gentiles.)*

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 *(The Magi are examples for our lives of faith.)*

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Pete LeBorious

TIME OF RESPONSE: *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out), and place it in the offering plates, which are located at each exit from the Sanctuary as you leave the worship service today. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates as well.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

THE SONG OF RESPONSE: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

**Be thou my vision, oh, Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou, my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence's my light**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true Son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one**

Chorus

**The Father, the Son, and the Spirit, oh, how I need You
My wisdom and my vision, ever ancient, ever new
King of Kings and Lord of lords
At Your glory, I bow
You're before me, behind me, and all around**

**Oh, riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only the first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art (Chorus)**

**Oh, high King of Heaven, my victory won
Oh, may I reach Heaven's joys, oh, bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, oh, ruler of all**

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, oh, ruler of all**

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THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "***Hear our 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION *(An Usher will invite your pew to come forward to receive the bread and individual cup. The center cups in each tray are white grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol)*

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS: "***O Come to the Altar***"

**Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight
of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink
from the well
Jesus is calling**

**Chorus
O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**Leave behind your regrets
and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and
trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (Chorus 2x)**

Bridge

**Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen (Repeat)
(Chorus 2x)**

**Bear your cross as you
wait for the crown
Tell the world of the
treasure you've found**

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the gift of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG:

"In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ, I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in help - less babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His bo - dy lay
Light of the world by dark - ness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose a - gain
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Je - sus commands my des - tiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ev - er pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ev - er pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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THE SENDING

Go in peace!

And serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Steve & Jan Kirchoff to the glory of God.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Norma Savage, Whitney Howe's grandmother, from Jim & Barbara Morey, Joan Smith & Maggie Monahan.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Peggy Timm, Suzanne O'Daniel's mother, from Jim & Barbara Morey, Don & Judy Parrott, Maggie Monahan and Joan Smith.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of John Clark, Judy Parrott's brother, from Jim & Barbara Morey.

Thank you!! Whitney and I want to thank you for all the delicious baked goods, Christmas cards, and the generous Christmas gifts. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We give thanks to Jesus for our life together at Mount Calvary. We look forward to "Connecting people to Jesus and to one another to serve the world" together in 2026.

- Pastor Andrew, Whitney, Jensen, Davis, and Mason Howe

The Assimilation Board is collecting photos for those who are interested in being in the directory and couldn't have their pictures taken. Please include our members who are shut in, in nursing homes, and military members, if possible. Anyone who has pictures of past church events, we would love to possibly use them. Pictures can be put in the Assimilation mailbox.

The 2026 Secret Sister Tea will be on January 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At the Tea your 2025 Secret Sister will be revealed and you will have an opportunity to draw a name for 2026. Even if you did not participate in 2025, you are welcome to be a part of the 2026 Tea. Please register on the sign-in sheet on the Information desk in the narthex. If you want to have a Secret Sister for 2026 but are unable to attend the Tea, see Maggie Monahan for a Secret Sister form and she will make sure you are included in the drawing of names.

Altar Flower Chart: We have a flower chart ready for 2026 on the Information Desk. We have revised the chart and hope the new chart style will allow for more room to write in what you'd like to see when honoring someone special.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the thoughtful monetary gifts and gift cards you have bestowed on us. We are so blessed to be a part of this congregation. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness. - Becky McVay & Jack Knight

Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets — Its not too late to submit your intentions for giving and your desires to serve. Pledge cards and Time And Talent Sheets are available at the information counter in the Narthex or see Jim Morey.

On Sunday, January 25th, the Social Ministry Board will place the Caring Solutions Baby Bottles on the Information desk in the Narthex. Please take a bottle and fill it with a check or money. Make your checks out to "Caring Solutions" and this is a tax-deductible contribution. Return all bottles by Sunday, February 22nd and we will take to Caring Solutions. Place your "filled" bottles in the shoe box on the Bookshelf in Vicar Zach's office. Caring Solutions is an organization that attempts to remove barriers that sway patients to choose abortion rather than life.

TAG Night – High School: The first TAG Night of 2026 will be this Sunday, January 4th, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Annex. Join us for fun, food, and a Bible-centered discussion of life.

Young Adult Bible Study: We will resume meeting this Sunday, January 4th, from 8:30-10 at Sonja and Pastor Pete's home (413 Erin Way). We hope to see you there!

Friday Night Party! – Middle School: We start off 2026 with a Party on January 9th, from 6-9 pm. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, drinks, and pizza.

College Bible Class: Our college age youth resume meeting this Wednesday, January 7th, at 8:30. We meet on Zoom so students can join in wherever they are. Contact Pastor Pete (DCEPete91@gmail.com) to be sent a link to the class.

Annex Cleaning – Student Leadership Development Team: We will be cleaning the Annex on Saturday, January 10th, from 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch will be provided for workers.

ACTIVATE! – Middle & High School: Activate is an indoor set of challenge courses for individuals or groups to work through. One you try it, you will be hooked. It is open to both Middle and High School Youth. The cost is \$25/person plus money for lunch on the way home.

Taking Down the Greens. Please join us in taking down the greens immediately after 10:45 service today. The process of removing the greens is fast work when we have helpers and usually is finished in about 20-30 minutes! The Altar Guild thanks you.

Thank you to those who have made special donations to the Altar Guild fund and donated to the Poinsettias and Easter Lily displays over the past few years. As you know, these donations help us purchase items to help us beautify our church during the special holiday seasons. This year we were able to move forward with the purchase of the new Nativity. The previous Nativity that we have enjoyed for close to 30 years was lovingly made and painted by Sherry Parsons and her mother and has become fragile and some pieces have broken in the last few years. We will continue to use the pieces that remain intact in new spaces around the church.

Altar Flower Dedications: The flowers on the altar are there for the glory of God and to beautify the church. They represent sacrifice and therefore must be live flowers. It is a privilege to be able to glorify God, remember loved ones and honor birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the glory of God and to beautify the church. There is a very large number of empty slots on our flower chart and we rely on the congregation to provide most of the funds to purchase the flowers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

SCAM ALERT- never respond to an email or text from the Pastors or any staff asking for “assistance,” a “favor,” or even a “please reply to this note.” They end up asking for “gift cards.” We will NOT reach out in this manner. This year, we have had several phishing scams pretending to be Pastor Andrew. It will likely increase as we near the holiday season. The pastoral staff has resources to help those in need through the alms fund. When in doubt, you can call our pastors directly.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of John Clark, Judy Parrott's brother, who died December 25th.

Ronald Curenton, Sr., Ron's father, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is being evaluated to determine the advancement.

Dave Radcliff, who is recovering from a procedure to improve his ability to sleep.

David Snow, son of Ray Snow, who will be undergoing treatment for cancer.

Allen Hickman, who will have an ablation in a few weeks.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

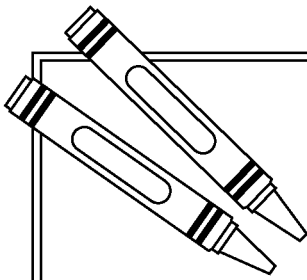
Keep In Your Prayers

Michelle Hopf, Norman Thompson, Maggie Monahan, Gary Schafer (former member), Nick Kesler (Liz Hunter's brother), John Stadler (Joan Smith's brother), Don Parrott, Sandy Richardson (Ashley Griffin's aunt), Louise Maley (Jimmy Martin's mother), Mike Ming (Nancy Branscom's nephew), Cynthia Trichinotis, Joan Steese, Lisa Starkman, Jay Fortner (Vicar Zachary's friend), Barbara Bauman, Susan McEachern and Barbara Mabee.

Those Battling Cancer

Pastor Aaron Sterling, Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son) and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).





Just for KIDS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin a new calendar year, let us always remember who we should follow in this world.

Directions:

1. Start at the circled letter "I." Follow the direction of the arrow and circle every other letter until you have gone around the world one time.
2. Start at the circled letter "I" again, and write down the circled letters on the blank lines below.
3. Beginning at the *W, write the letters or numbers that are not circled until you have gone around the world again. Read the message.



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Answers: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." JOHN 8:12, NIV

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Pete LeBorious. **LITURGIST** Pastor Pete LeBorious. **ELDER:** Bill Bohm. **LAY READER:** Dave Yingling (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Dina Gossman, Suzanne O'Daniel, & Ruthie Radcliff.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Mark Dieckmann (Sun 8 am) & John Van Buskirk (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READER:** Bill Bohm. **ALTAR GUILD:** Whitney Howe, Deb Fingles & Lexie Hadley.

Last Week's Attendance

Christmas Eve 5 pm – 160 7 pm – 112 10 pm – 92 Total – 364
Christmas Day - 50
Sunday – 121

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

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| Today | 6:30 pm | TAG Night |
| | 8:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study |
| Monday | 1:00 pm | Women's Small Group |
| Tuesday | 3:45 pm | RG@MC Tutoring |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Morning Glories |
| | 5:30 pm | Dinner |
| | 6:15 pm | Christian Education |
| Thursday | 8:30 pm | College Bible Study |
| | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 4:30 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal |
| Friday | 6 – 9 pm | Middle School Party |
| Saturday | 9 am-3 pm | Annex Cleaning – SLDT Youth |
| | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |
| Next Sunday | 6:30 pm | SLDT Meeting |
| | 8:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study |