



WCC UPDATE

JANUARY 2022

MANY THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the christmas Eve services! We estimate that between both services there were around 150 attendees. This is, undoubtedly, a favorite worship service of many of us. We are grateful that we were able to host the service for 2021.

*Thank you from the Church Staff--
For the warm Christmas wishes and the gifts with which you blessed us.
Happy New year to all!*

JANUARY EVENTS

Sunday, January 9, during worship		Dedication/installation of our 2022 Church officers
Sunday, January 9	11:30 am	General Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 19 Wednesday night activities resume	6:00 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study—an in-depth look at the Old Testament Prophets
	7:30 pm	Choir
Tuesday, January 25	9:30 am	Church Women United--join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care center residents.

SOME WAYS YOU CAN SERVE IN THE WCC CHURCH COMMUNITY:

Many of you are already plugged in to volunteer opportunities and some of you are looking for ways that you can serve here in our church community. Below are some suggestions. **Talk with Matt or with Heather Gonzales for more details.**

- Worship service volunteers: A/V booth, camera operator, greeters, communion servers, communion prayer leader, scripture reader
- Serving on a church Committee:
 - Christian Education
 - Evangelism/Missions
 - Membership
 - Property

- Safety & Security
- Worship
- Teaching Sunday School or Children's Church
- Serving in the church nursery
- Being present for each other by checking in one another during tough times, phone calls, notes of encouragement and thanks, providing a meal, etc.
- Replenishing food in our Pantry
- Monthly Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick Up
- Grounds maintenance
- Administrative support projects

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORING FIRE VICTIMS:

The needs of those affected by the Marshall Fire are so overwhelming. We are including a list of different Internet links as suggested ways for you to help. The first link is to the Boulder Office of Emergency Management. It has information about where to donate goods and volunteer opportunities. You can also make a financial donation here if you would like to do so. Please note that the church will not be collecting donations of food or material goods for this cause.

Cash donations are definitely the best way to help right now. Money can be given directly to affected families and individuals through GoFundMe. The first few GoFundMe campaigns listed below are indirectly connected to our church (friends of friends, co-workers of extended family members, etc). The final set of the links are to GoFundMe campaigns that haven't received a lot of donations.

- Boulder Office of Emergency Management: <https://boulderoem.com/emergency-status/>
- Shelly Hui (Shelly works at Leia Hurt's former preschool): <https://gofund.me/b75afeab>
- The Hawksley Family (a co-worker of Judy Clay): <https://gofund.me/ab241fb7>
- The Baumann Family (a co-worker of Krista's twin brother): <https://gofund.me/ed4eeb56>
- The Chavez Family (co-worker of George Nightingale): <https://gofund.me/497e0555>
- The Wright Family: <https://gofund.me/6deec636>
- The Salazar Family: <https://gofund.me/a2f21711>
- The Harvey Family: <https://gofund.me/2fbda3a3>
- The Cole Family: <https://gofund.me/7c35ebd7>
- The Agostinelli Family: <https://gofund.me/8f4cc730>
- The Matschke Family: <https://gofund.me/85f9c978>
- The Villasista Family: <https://gofund.me/5a601a72>
- The Dailey Family: <https://gofund.me/5a601a72>
- The Golden Family: <https://gofund.me/f5f3c781>

We truly appreciate any assistance that you are able to provide!

PRAYING WITH THOSE WHO MOURN

O God of All Comfort,
Lead us humbly into this place of heartbreak.

O Spirit Who Moves
in the Midst of Our Sorrows,
Fill us with a right compassion.

Fill us with a right compassion that
we would not cross this threshold
armed with easy answers,
but would enter instead
bearing the balm of a divine tenderness
best expressed in honest affirmations
and small acts of service.

**Teach us even in this hour, O Lord,
how better to mourn
with those who mourn,
that their burden
might in some way
be made more bearable
by our sharing in it.**

O Lord, in this place of holy sorrows make us
quick to listen, and slow to speak,
reminding us how the only true comfort
Job received from his friends
came not from their many words
but from a willingness to sit with him
in a silent sympathy of weeping.

**So let any spoken comforts we offer
be the fruits of a real and costly fellowship
with those who grieve.**

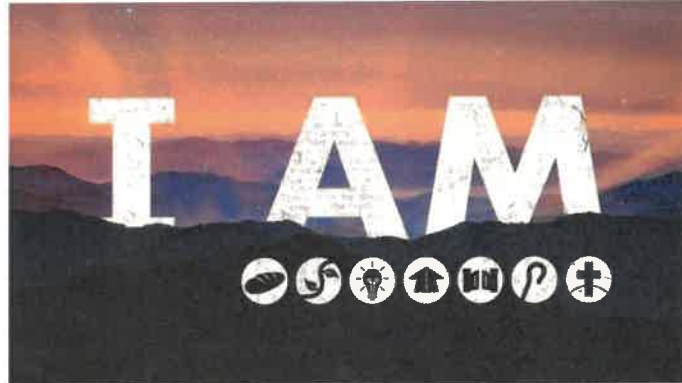
The sharing of such sorrows is indeed
a good and holy work, O Lord.
For you also, Jesus, willingly entered
the wounds of this world and wept
with your creatures in their brokenness.
**And you have promised us
that wherever your children gather
in your name, you will be present as well.**

So be present with us now
in this wounded space,
O Spirit of God.
Let our presence be sensed as a token
of your presence.
Let our concern bear unspoken witness
to the redemption your love
will one day work, even unto
the utter and unimaginably glorious
reversal of this loss.

**Now speak, act, and comfort, O Christ.
Shepherd us into the sharing
of this sorrow.**

May our hearts be as your heart here,
our voices as your voice,
our hands as your hands,
our tears as your tears.
Amen.

SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Throughout the rest of January and February, we will be exploring the eight "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.

UPCOMING STUDIES

In addition to exploring the "I AM" statements during our preaching time, we will also work our way through the rest of John's Gospel in our adult Bible study on Sunday mornings, beginning with John 1 on January 9.

FROM PASTOR MATT

2021 was an amazing year for church growth. We baptized four new believers and welcomed nine new members into our church family. **God has been so faithful to us, and we can't wait to see what He does in 2022!**