



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 18, 2026

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

— John 1:9–11

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

— Isaiah 53:3

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

— Westminster Confession of Faith No. 24

*For God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.*


# LITURGY OF THE WORD

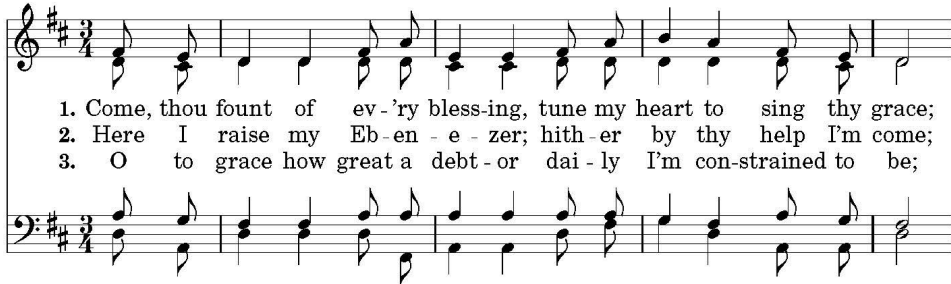
## CALL TO WORSHIP | Hosea 6:1, 3

*Leader:*       “Come, let us return to the LORD;  
                  for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
                  he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

*All:*            Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
                  his going out is sure as the dawn;  
                  he will come to us as the showers,  
                  as the spring rains that water the earth.”

 CONGREGATION, PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

 **HYMN OF ADORATION: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING—Trinity Hymnal No. 457**



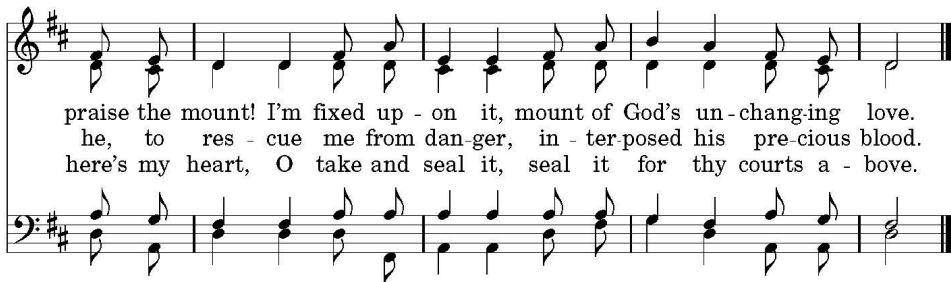
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan-der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 TUNE (NETTLETON): Asahel Nettleton, 1825  
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## 🌐 PRAYER OF ADORATION | THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Leader: This we pray in the name of the One Who taught us to pray, saying:*

All: 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,  
Amen.

# JESUS SHALL REIGN-Trinity Hymnal No. 441

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 and prais - es thron - to crown his head;  
 dwell on his love with sweet - est song;  
 the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
 pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,  
 his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise  
 and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
 an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 and all the sons of want his blest.  
 and earth re - peat the loud are a - men!

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## SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 61:1-7 | Pew Bible pp. 620-621

The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;  
but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;  
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,  
and in their glory you shall boast.  
Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION** | Exodus 34:6-7

*Leader: The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature,  
Quick to do evil and slow to do good.  
All our shortcomings and offenses are before you at all times.  
You alone know how often we have sinned— in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Turn us to yourself.  
Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins.  
Since you set us free from the dominion of sin,  
Move us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
According to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## WORDS OF COMFORT | 1 John 1:7

*Leader: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.


I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic\* Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*the universal church that trusts in Christ alone

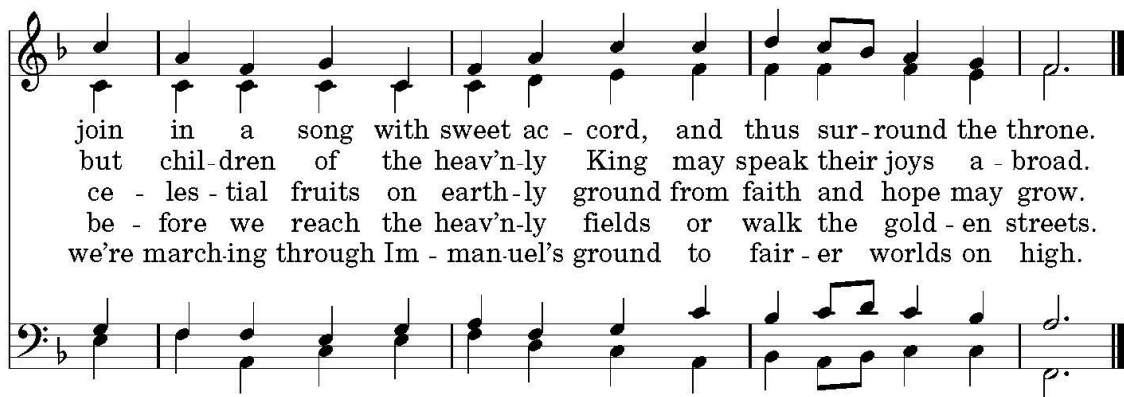
## PASSING THE PEACE

# COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD-Trinity Hymnal No. 700

Congregation, join in singing on verse 2



1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2. Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God;  
3. The men of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low;  
4. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets,  
5. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields or walk the gold - en streets.  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

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## GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### CHOIR ANTHEM | CHRIST BE IN MY WAKING

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,  
in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.  
Christ be in my resting as the day is ending,  
calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding,  
guarding me from evil, walking in the light.  
Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing,  
pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion, all my life to know You,  
ev'ry day to walk with You.  
Savior, You're my deepest longing; You're the one I live for;  
teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,  
thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.  
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,  
knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,  
ev'ry pleasure jaded, ev'ry well is dry.  
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness,  
leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

Jesus, this is my devotion, all my life to know You,  
ev'ry day to walk with You.  
Savior, You're my deepest longing; You're the one I live for;  
teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,  
in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour,  
with me ev'ry hour, with me ev'ry hour.

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## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## CORPORATE PRAYER

### **SCRIPTURE READING** | Luke 4:14-30 | Pew Bible pp. 859-860

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many

lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.<sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.<sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

*Leader: All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.*

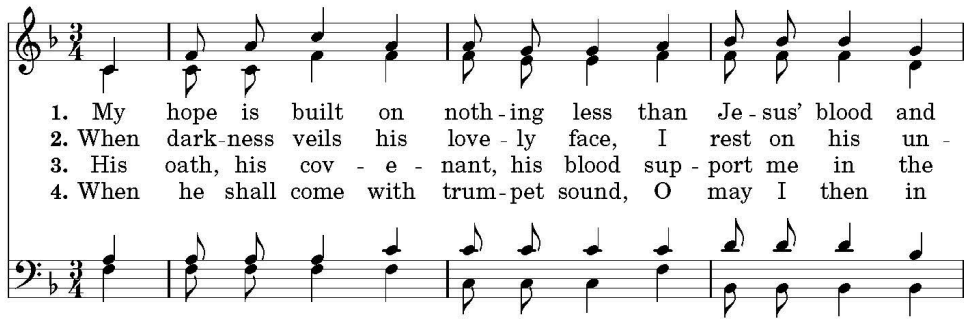
*All: The grass withers, the flower fades  
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

## **SERMON | JESUS, OUR UNWANTED SERVANT**

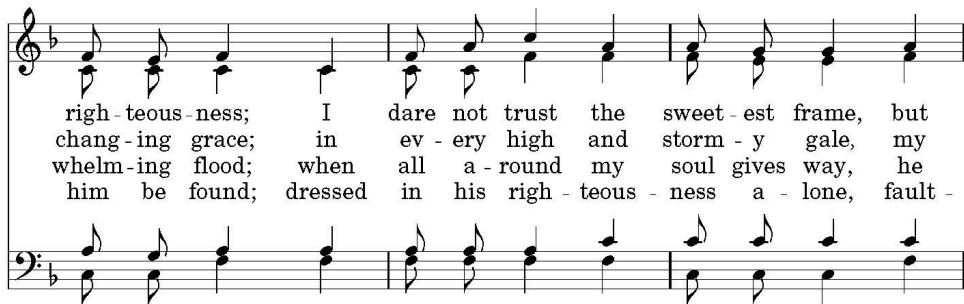
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MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS—Trinity Hymnal No. 521

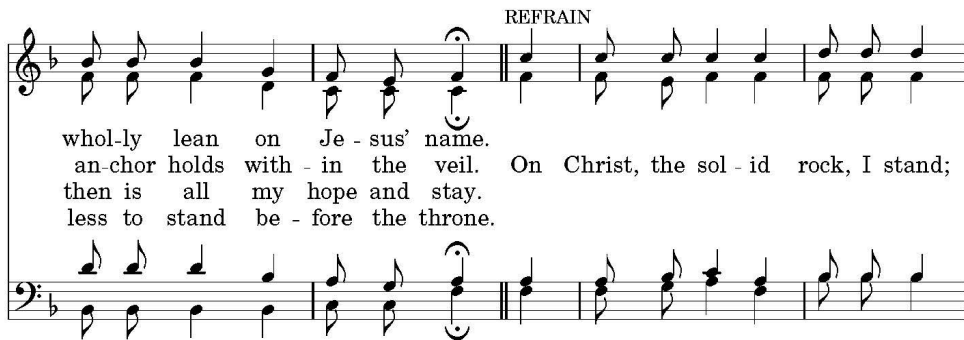


1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-  
 3. His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

REFRAIN



wholly lean on Je-sus' name.  
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand;  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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 **BENEDICTION** | 2 Corinthians 13:14

Elders will be available to pray with you in the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

## QUESTIONS TO HELP THE GOOD NEWS SINK IN:

1. Luke here emphasizes the centrality of God's Word in the ministry of Jesus, for it is in the Word that we understand the story of God's redemption and salvation. What pressures, circumstances, and desires are most prominent in your life that take you away from God's Word, and how can you help each other remain rooted in the Bible?
2. Liberty in our passage points to two overarching ideas: the Jubilee (release) laws in Leviticus 25, and also release from spiritual bondage. When you are experiencing the bondage of sin, bitterness, isolation, depression, what are the surrounding results in your life (hurt relationships, devalued purpose, etc.)? Why is the Jubilee we have in Christ so freeing?
3. From marvel to wrath — the path of Christ is the path of being rejected, despised, and ultimately crucified by "his own." How does this help you understand your own path, committed to the truth of the Gospel, until you reach your eternal home?

## RESOURCES USED FOR STUDY IN LUKE:

*Luke, Focus on the Bible Commentary*, Dale Ralph Davis

*Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, Darrell L. Bock

*Luke, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, David E. Garland

*Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels*, Richard B. Hays

*Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, Formation, Scripture and Hermeneutics Series*, eds. Bartholomew, Green, and Thiselton

*A Theology of Luke-Acts*, Darrell L. Bock

*From Adam and Israel to the Church*, Benjamin Gladd

*Luke, New International Commentary on the New Testament*, Joel B. Green

*Luke, New International Greek Testament Commentary*, I. Howard Marshall

## STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of December 2025:

Budget FYTD	\$573,132
Received FYTD	\$647,289
Expenditures FYTD	\$505,556

## SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 8:45 - 9:45 am  
Gathered Worship 10 am  
Nursery provided through age 4

### *Adult Sunday School Communities*

Foundations | room 204, 20s to 40s  
Christ in the Home | room 201, 40s to 60s  
Christ in Culture | Tomlin Hall, 50s to 70s  
Christ in the Word | Parlor, 60s and above  
Ladies Class | room 202, 50s and above

### *Children*

Nursery, age 1 and under | room 105  
Ages 2-3 | room 106  
Ages 4-5 | room 103  
Grades 1-2 | room 206  
Grades 3-4 | room 209  
Grade 5 | room 205

### *Youth*

Middle School | room 212  
High School | Youth Room

# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshipping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the Gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshipping with us, you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

## Connect Card

Thanks for joining us today.

We would love to come alongside you in your walk with Jesus, whether you're new to our community or you've been here a while.

Visit [lexpreschurch.com/connect](https://lexpreschurch.com/connect)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LPCWomen>

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# LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSIONS LUNCHEON

with Taylor & Katherine Dix  
Today | after worship



register  
here



## Nursery Volunteers Needed

God is blessing us with more babies!

We need 2 Adult or  
High School Volunteers.

You only will serve 6 times a year!

Email Rebecca  
(rbecker@lexpreschurch.com)  
to sign up!



Email Rebecca  
here!

## Red Cross Blood Drive

January 28, 2026 | 1:00 - 6:00pm

Mobile Blood Bus

Ages 16 +

Schedule your  
donation here



American  
Red Cross

## PARENTING in the Digital Age

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 - 8:00pm



LEXINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Part 1 of a seminar series on  
Following Jesus Together*

## Medical and Fire Safety Training

WHO: Elders, Deacons, CE teachers,  
Nursery workers and Greeters

WHEN: Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> | 2:00 - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Tomlin Hall

WHAT: Dress comfortably | RSVP by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>



## 2026 Lexington Community Health and Safety Fair

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - 12:30pm

Lexington Leisure Center

Free screenings and activities.

Great way to reach out to others in the community and have fun.



Volunteers are needed for Sundays  
Please consider how you can serve



*Volunteer!*

- Greeters
- Scripture Readers

Contact Natalia for more information

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or 803-359-9501



Midweek Reset

Cost is \$4/person with \$20 family max  
Registration is not required  
Pay at the door\* or prepay below

January 21<sup>st</sup> menu: Breakfast for Dinner

\*debit/credit cards accepted



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