

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

C we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

C Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you. **+** Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

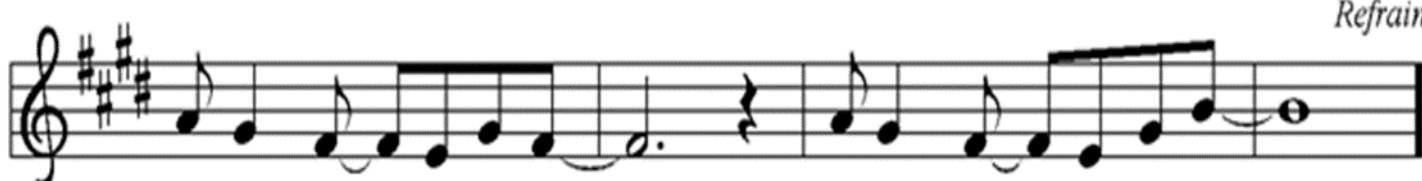
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: GENESIS 39:1-6, 40:1-23

¹ Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. ² Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard charged Joseph

with them, and he waited on them, and they continued for some time in custody.⁵ One night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt who were confined in the prison—each his own dream and each dream with its own meaning.⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled.⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers, who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast today?”⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me,¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms came out, and the clusters ripened into grapes.¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.”¹² Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days;¹³ within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to

do when you were his cupbearer.¹⁴ But remember me when it is well with you; please do me the kindness to make mention of me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this place.¹⁵ For in fact I was stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon.”¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head,¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.”¹⁸ And Joseph answered, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;¹⁹ within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a pole, and the birds will eat the flesh from you.”²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his cupbearing, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand,²² but the chief baker he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*10 measures organ intro*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them

where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY “*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*”

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then", said the Angel
"Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might"
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are

different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*) You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, that our constitution is upheld, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation. On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

COUNCIL REPLIES: Yes, by the help of God.

Keith Keller, President

Tina Terwiske, Vice-President

Mike Weisheit, Treasurer

Beth Phillips, Treasurer-designee

Debbie Bauer, Financial Secretary

Greg Bauer, Financial Secretary designee

Jessica Freyberger, Secretary

Brandie Beck

Bryant Kieffner

Jen Begle

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

COUNCIL REPLIES: Yes, by the help of God.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

COUNCIL REPLIES: Amen

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor, Devin Wilson.*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - - est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

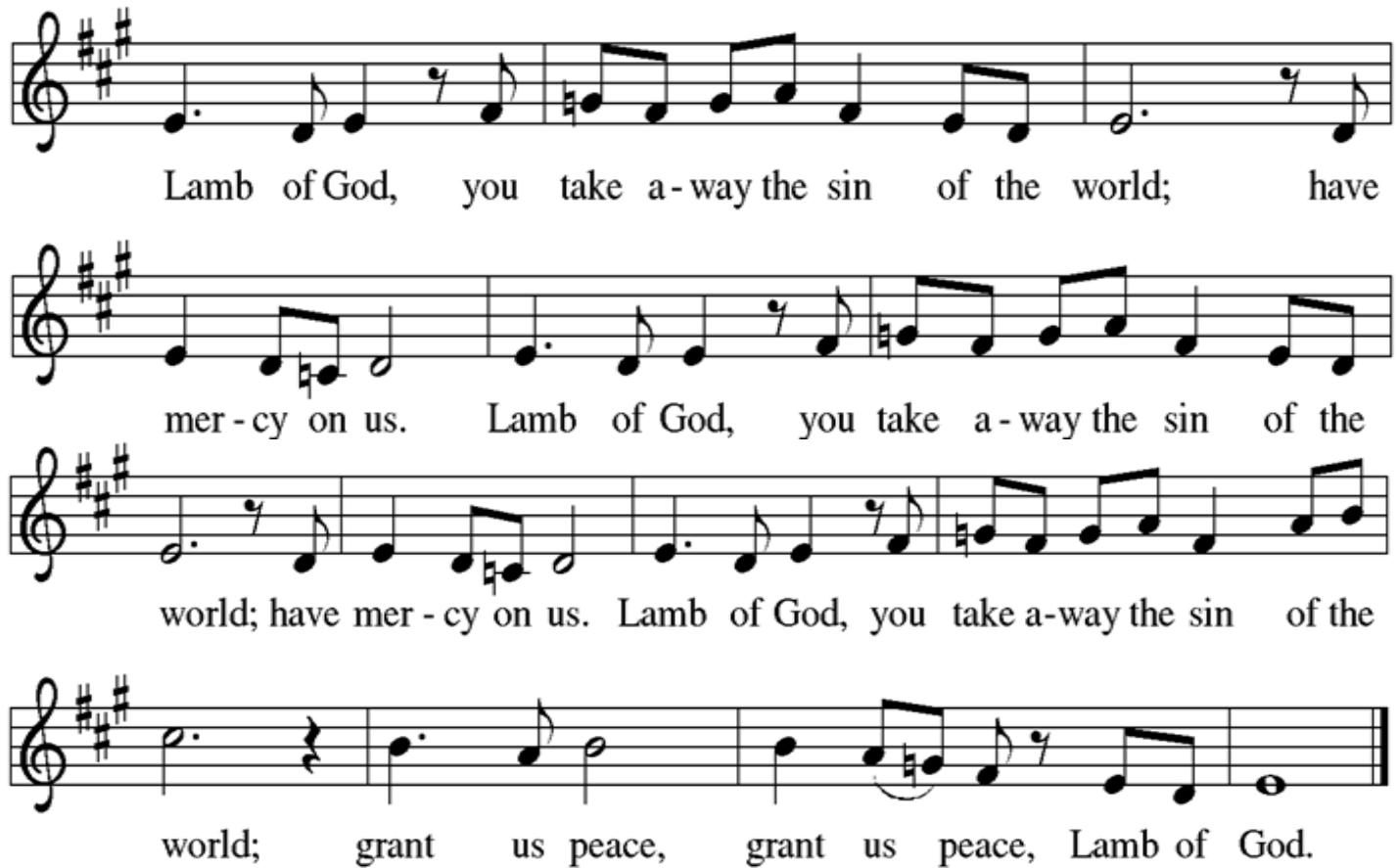
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 642 “I Wonder as I Wander”

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
the holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
white as the lily flower,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
to be our sweet Saviour.

The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a berry,
as red as any blood,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to do poor sinners good.

The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,

the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

"I Heard the Bells of Christmas Day"

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

May you run and not be weary. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you

run and not be weary. May your

life be filled with joy. And may the

road you trav - el al-ways lead you home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are
ringing

Ding dong! Angel voices nigh, we hear them sweetly
singing

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Also now on earth below, the steeple bells are
ringing

And our hearts so gladly glow, as young and old are
singing

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

As we beautifully chime, set morning bells to ringing

Let us make a merry time, as evening choirs are
singing

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Don & Nancy Freyberger

Comm. Asst:

Video: Amy Beckman

Pianist: Kaia Holt

Lay Reader: Jeanne Hoffman

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolyte: Reeve Potts and Kole Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 112 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 4th – Jan. 11th

Sun. Jan. 4 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(installation of new council members)</i>
	10:00 AM	Take down Christmas decor
Tues Jan 6 th	4:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Jan. 7 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Sun. Jan. 11 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Annual Meeting Part 2 will be held following worship on Sunday, January 25, 2026. All members are encouraged to attend for presentation of the 2026 Annual Report and discussion of old and new business.

2026 offering envelopes are available to pick-up.
Please remember envelope numbers can change from year to year, so these should only be used starting in January 2026. If you cannot find a box with your name, please call Marcie Rumfelt in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: secretaryst.paul@frontier.com .

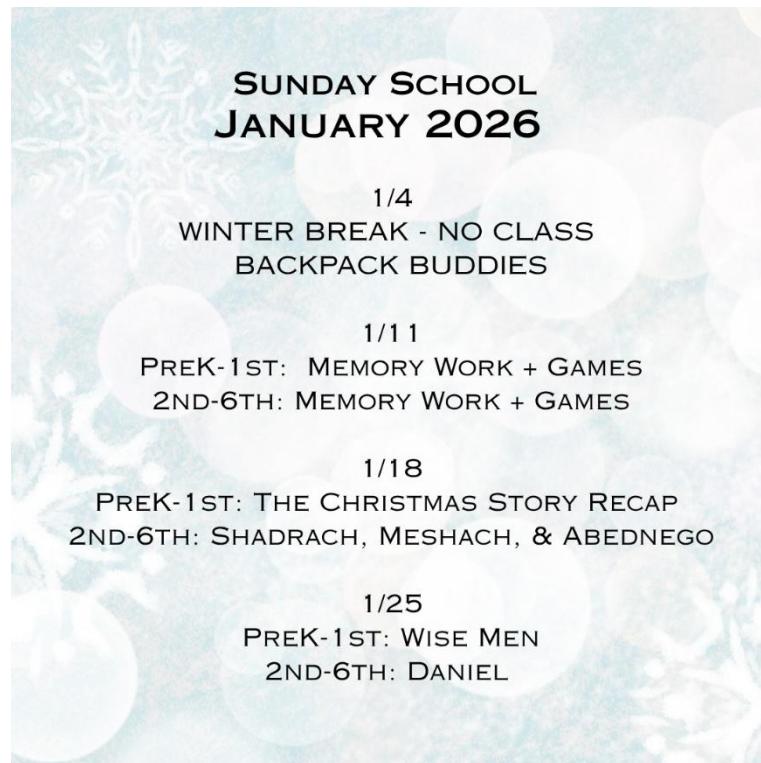
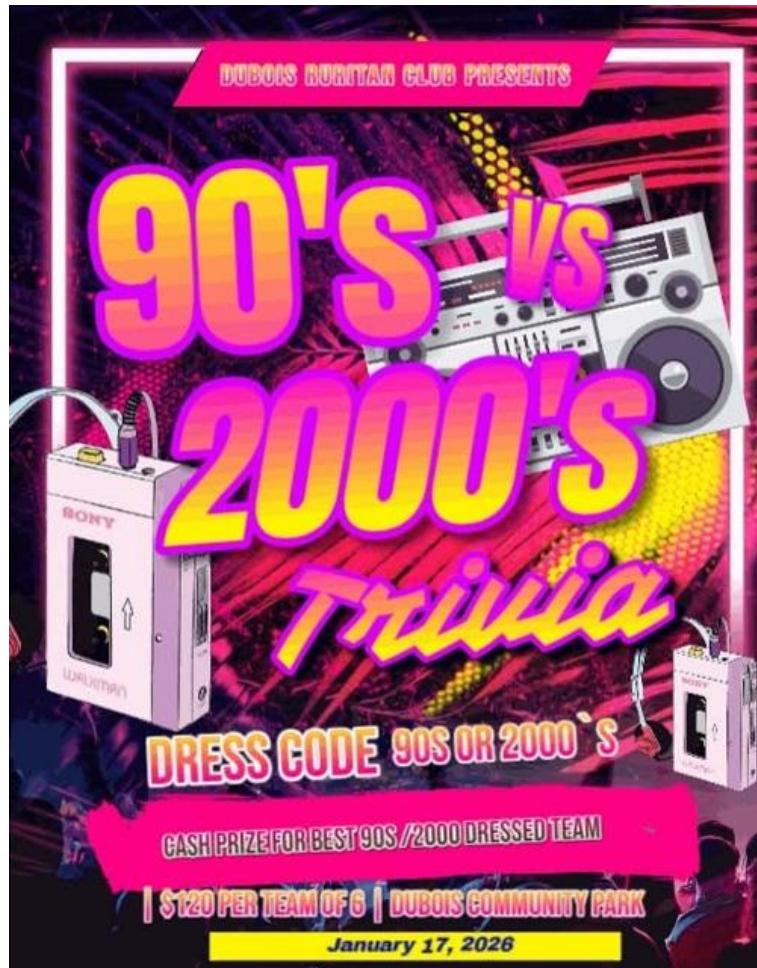
A number of community and state-wide charitable opportunities have been made available to our congregation. Information about these organizations is available in the office should you wish to support any of them. - *Church Council*

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths will be removed from the graves at 12:30 PM on Saturday, January 3, 2026.

WELCA News

Tuesday, January 6th is our first meeting for 2026. We will be doing Blanket Tacking beginning at 4:00 pm in the basement. Hope to see you there!





December 17, 2025

Rev. Timothy Holt
556 W. Haysville Rd.
Jasper, IN 47546

Hi Rev. Timothy,

I love seeing the names of friends – old and new – pass by my desk, letting me know they've made a donation to Dove Recovery House for Women. **Thank you for your 12/15/2025 donation of \$108.00.** I wish you had a front-row seat to see the miracles we see happening every day.

In 2025, we:

- watched women with substance use disorder graduate from high school and drug court;
- saw their self-confidence and self-esteem grow;
- witnessed moms being reunited with their children.
- Many of our women moved into the workforce, finding their first sober jobs and learning how to manage finances.
- Others moved out into the community to stretch their wings in a new, substance-free life.

Your belief in and support of our mission helped make those miracles happen. Together, we are changing lives of vulnerable women in Indiana.

Thank you for supporting us along the way. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful New Year. I wish you a holiday season filled with joy and gratitude, exactly what your generosity has given to Dove House and the women we serve.

Sincerely,

Wendy Noe
Chief Executive Officer

Dove Recovery House for Women, Inc. is a 501c3 organization (EIN 35-2120680). Gifts are tax deductible as allowed to the extent of the law. Consult an attorney for questions regarding reporting. For IRS purposes, this letter serves as your receipt. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
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San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO

