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Lessons and Carols



December 27, 2020

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OUR MISSION -

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome!

December 27, 2020

Notes for Today's Services

**We hope that you will be able to join
with us in worship through the live streaming
on the website templelutheran.org**

OFFERING - *During today's service we cannot actively collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. There is an offering plate in the back of the church. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at finsecretary@templelutheran.org for information or the form to do this.

Today's Bible Readings

And page numbers, as found in your pew Bibles.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18 O.T. 1

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2–5a O.T. 966

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26–35, 38 N.T. 58

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18–25 N.T. 1

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8–20 N.T. 59

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1–11 N.T. 2

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1–14 N.T. 94

GATHERING SONG: #282 – *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

FIRST CAROL: *I Wonder as I Wander*

SECOND CAROL: #269 - *Once in Royal David's City*

THIRD CAROL: #265 - *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

FOURTH CAROL: #277 - *Away in a Manger*

FIFTH CAROL: #289 – *Angels We Have Heard on High*

SIXTH CAROL: #296 - *What Child Is This*

SEVENTH CAROL: #283 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

SENDING SONG: #267 – *Joy to the World*

Need to contact the Pastor?

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,

by calling (610) 446-3270

or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org

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FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of
the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the
waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the
light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was
morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to
separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and
for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in
the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.
¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the
day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God
set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to
rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light
from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2–5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the
LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8–20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1–11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They 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.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

GRACE BROOMALL Information



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89399865751?pwd=0Go1Z2hZYisvYTRRSVhYMkFzMTlQQT09>



Meeting ID: 893 9986 5751

Passcode: Grace

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 893 9986 5751

Passcode: 621862

Find your local number:

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Questions: please call the church office at 610-356-1824 or contact Vicar Kayla Sadowy at gracebroomall@gmail.com.



*The poinsettias in the chancel for the
Christmas services are presented by*

Susan Best and Fran Talarowski in memory of Albert Best, Rose and Francis Talarowski and in honor of Amelia and Nicholas Talarowski; and Jane Best

Mrs. Connie Bradley in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Plumridge, Ms. Dianne Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Geczy, and Mrs. Mary O. Plumridge.

Bruss Family in memory of Jeanne Pocock,

The Burd Family in memory of Keith Bailey.

Kristy Burko in memory of Lynn Fredrickson.

Gaye and Raymond Clifford.

Sue and David Cook in honor of our grandchildren, Rayna, Kylie, Emily and Tristan

Jeanne Daniels in memory of my loving parents Frank & Constance Loeb.

Celia, Sarah and Julia Engman in memory of Jeanne Pocock,

Kathy and Jim Farally in memory of all those who passed away this year.

Tom and Lois Gasper in memory of Jeanne Pocock and our loved ones and in honor of first responders and health care workers.

Roy and Nancy Hallowell in memory of Jeanne Pocock,

Lisa and Chris Jennings in memory of Faye Tustin.

Johansen family in memory of Jeanne Pocock,

Nikita Johnson in memory of Those effected by Covid-19 and in honor of Those effected by Covid-19

Despina Kontos in memory of Everyone who has been affected by this horrible pandemic.

Wendy and Meighan Long in memory of Jeanne Pocock and Barbara Swahl.

Rob and Karen Kampmeyer Mannix in memory of Rob's parents and in honor of our children, Karen's parents and for the Glory of God.

Bridget Marley in memory of Ella Collins.

Amy and Dario Mescia in memory of Dario's grandmother, Luisa Mescia.

Eric Sacks in memory of Jeanne Pocock,

Sandy Schrader in memory of my friend, Jeanne Pocock,

Craig Scott in memory of John and Dorice Scott.

Gail and Jay Tress in memory of departed loved ones.

Wantman Family in memory of Nana Quick,



Donations to our Masks for Hunger in Nepal have been made by:

Susan Best and Fran Talarowski in memory of departed loved ones.

Mrs. Connie Bradley in memory of Goldie Thiem, Eleanor Grant, Mrs. Elizabeth Magyar, Miss Elizabeth Magyar, and Pearl Coffin.

Bruss Family in memory of our Mums, Joyce Codner and Pauline Bruss, Jeanne Pocock, Freddy Seefeldt, Justin Luther, and Don Sullivan and in honor of My Dad, William Codner, Karen, David and Jay Codner, Kristen and Stephen Allen, Liz and Dan Czech and Mike Bruss and our family at TLC.

*The Burd Family in honor of of Healthcare Professionals,
Essential Workers and Science.*

Kristy Burko in memory of Jaime Palaia.

Sue and David Cook,

*Jeanne Daniels in memory of my loving parents Frank &
Constance Loeb.*

*Celia, Sarah and Julia Engman in honor of of women around the
world making a difference.*

Kathy and Jim Farally in support of all our front line workers.

Tom and Lois Gasper in memory of dear friends.

*Roy and Nancy Hollowell in honor of Our whole extended family -
Hollowell-Roth-Callahan-Matta.*

Ipock family.

*Lisa and Chris Jennings in memory of Those lost to Covid and the
families left to grieve.*

Nikita Johnson in memory of Loved ones who have passed on.

*Eileen Keaveney in memory of Mary, Dutch, Jerry and Tom
Keaveney and Laura and John Hegarty.*

Despina Kontos in honor of Frontline Workers.

*Wendy and Meighan Long in honor of all essential health care
workers.*

Rob and Karen Kampmeyer Mannix,

Bridget Marley in memory of Ella Collins.

Campbell McCormack V in memory of Grandma Karen.

Peg McDermott.

*Bill and Amy Mensch in Memory / Honor of: Pete Zarrilli and
Mike Zarilla, Great Granmom Sally Wiggins and Eva
Ellenberger.*

Lillian Mittleman in memory of Mary Ann Mittleman.

Juliana Pierdomenico in memory of Fleur.

Doug and Pat Rhodes.

Eric Sacks in memory of Jeanne and Freddie.

Lynn Santo Domingo in recognition of the pain of 2020 and its soon passing and coming growth.

Jay and Gail Tress in honor of health care workers worldwide.

Wantman family in honor of The people of Nepal.

We have raised over \$1,300 so far.

Thank you.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below! This is a new Zoom meeting and will be held on Sundays, every week from 10:20am to 11:35am.

[Virtual Café Link](#)

LIFE CENTER MEAL

Our next meal at the Life Center for will be on **Tuesday, January 12th**. Please check out the Signup Genius link to donate food and/or volunteer with prep and delivery. We will need the following to ensure a belly filling meal to the shelter's 30 residents:

2 Meat loaves or meat balls (2 lbs. each – no pork products)

For questions/concerns, please contact Ingrid Burd.

[Link for Life Center Meal](#)



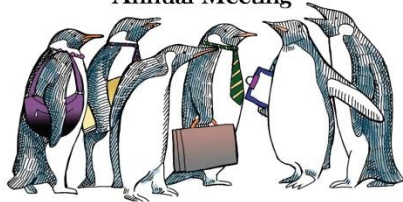
Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the Director of Music Ministries – Florrie Marks, our music ministers – Sarah Foss, Amanda Quillen, and Mark Wallace, and for our audio-visual wiz – Kyle Barger.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Geoff Bailey, family and friends of Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, family and friends of Lois Gabbott, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, family and friends of Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

Annual Meeting



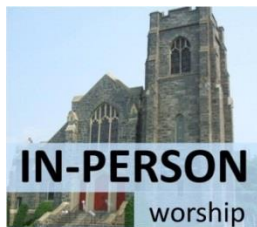
**Sunday, January 24
9:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed
Zoom meeting to follow**

The Annual Meeting will be held using a Zoom meeting following 9:30 a.m. live streamed worship.

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved changes to the ELCA Model Constitution. Notice is given that approval of these

amendments to the Constitution will be on the agenda at the January 24, 2021 Annual Meeting.

[Click for details](#)



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Join us for morning prayer with scripture lessons and time for prayerful meditation. (Masks and social distancing will be required and there will be other accommodations to responsibly promote public health). Please diligently ask the screening questions below before coming to worship.

Sign-up for In-Person Worship

COVID 19 Screening Questions

Note: We will be keeping our 9:30 online worship service indefinitely. We are dedicated to accommodating as many people as possible in these wild COVID times.

STAYING CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

Life has ups and downs and we all go through challenging times. Especially now, when social distancing has brought in an additional level of human distancing, we can often find ourselves craving human interaction and support. This group has been initiated for exactly this purpose, to build human connections, especially in the face of the current adversity. TLC's "Staying Connected in Community" aspires to be a safe group that welcomes everyone to share their experiences and challenges, and to listen and connect with others while recognizing both our common humanity and the divine light we share. "Staying Connected in Community" will be meeting virtually every 3rd Thursday of the month, with group gatherings starting at 7:45 pm and discussion between 8-9.30pm.



Next meeting will be Thursday, January 21. Zoom link is below.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at

lisaschneller23@gmail.com

[Staying Connected in Community](#)

Need to contact the Pastor? The Rev. Timothy Johansen,
by calling (610) 446-3270
or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org
Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736

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MILLION MASKS INITIATIVE TO FIGHT HUNGER IN NEPAL



This year we are collecting donations to purchase face masks through the Women's Empowerment Collective in Nepal. The collective trains marginalized women in handiwork skills to give them an opportunity to improve their lives. The women make the masks in exchange for

emergency food to support their family. Each \$10 mask will provide 10 meals. We are also donating the masks to the people of Nepal, who are still struggling following the

major earthquake in 2015.



Please add your dedication – In Memory of/In Honor of – when you purchase masks. Our goal is now 200 masks. So far, 101 have been purchased.

For more information on the Women's Empowerment Collective check out the movie: <https://youtu.be/tbdd5S74d34>

For more information about the initiative check <https://empowermentcollective.org/1-million-masks/>

TLC Fundraiser –Face Masks/Hunger

You can also order masks by calling the office and mailing in your request and check.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

12/27/20 - No Sunday School
01/03/20 - Return to Sunday School.



GIVING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing,
the work and expenses of the church continue.

There are now many ways you can now give to TLC

- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell

Questions? Contact Nancy Hallowell

- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

TLC Food Pantry is collecting the following New or Gently Used items for distribution to the homeless in Philadelphia:



Flat sheets
Pillows
Pillow cases
Towels
Comforters

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled items please.
Please put donations in the tub by the glass doors.

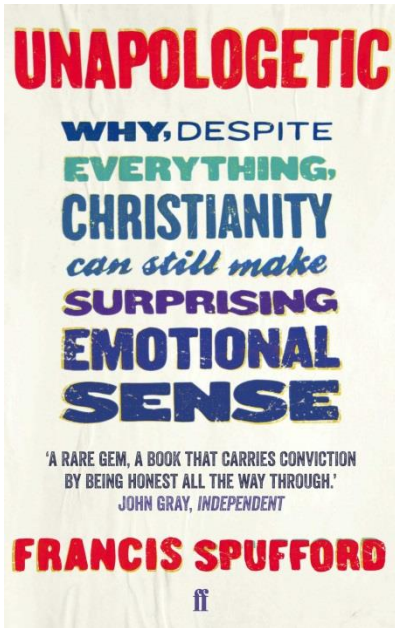


FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>

Needed: Paper products (particularly paper towels),
detergent, hand soap (bars) and coffee both instant
and ground.

BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be **Unapologetic: Why, Despite Everything, Christianity Can Still Make Surprising Emotional Sense** by Francis Spufford

Francis Spufford's *Unapologetic* is a wonderfully pugnacious defense of Christianity. Refuting critics such as Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and the "new atheist" crowd, Spufford, a former atheist and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, argues that Christianity is recognizable, drawing on the deep and deeply ordinary

vocabulary of human feeling, satisfying those who believe in it by offering a ruthlessly realistic account of the grown-up dignity of Christian experience.

Fans of C. S. Lewis, N. T. Wright, Marilynne Robinson, Mary Karr, Diana Butler Bass, Rob Bell, and James Martin will appreciate Spufford's crisp, lively, and abashedly defiant thesis.

Unapologetic is a book for believers who are fed up with being patronized, for non-believers curious about how faith can possibly work in the twenty-first century, and for anyone who feels there is something indefinably wrong, literalistic, anti-imaginative and intolerant about the way the atheist case is now being made.

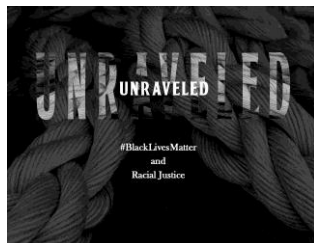
Please join us on Monday, January 4 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at despina.kontos@gmail.com

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Inspired by the Gospel lesson of 12/13, the National Council of Churches offer this simple prayer:

Holy One, let us, like Mary, be Christ-bearers. Infuse our lives with your likeness so that we might speak and act with grace, and justice, and truth. Amen.

(From Rev. Dr. Tammy Wiens, Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation for the National Council of Churches)



The Scripture - Luke 1:26-38:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her."

P.S. If you'd like to talk, we have a team of people standing by. Reply to this email and you'll get connected with one of us.

[Resources – TLC Family](#)
[Doin' the Work](#)

CALENDAR

Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)
Sundays	8:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship (reservation required)
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School with Ms. Jeanne
	9:30 a.m.	Live Streamed Worship Service

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

Partners in Ministry

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