

**Welcome to Worship at
New Hanover Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023**



Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org, [facebook.com/
NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude *O God Beyond All Praising* Handbell Choir
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW #302

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt; Music Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872elw 302

Congregation and Hand Bell Choir

Children's Message

Nikki Young

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

The Reading Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is go

and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12
The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

The Rev. Scott Staub

Hymn of the Day

Diana Hazel & Patricia Nyce

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

WOV #649

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Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Adalyn Rose Brett for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the
Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Adalyn Rose Brett and pray for her in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Adalyn Rose Brett, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Adalyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Adalyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Offertory

Anthem *Each Winter as the Year Grows Older* Chancel Choir

Annabeth Gay arr. Robert A. Hobby; Text and tune ©1971 United Church Press. Arrangement © 2008 Augsburg Fortress

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Song *Great is the Lord* Diana Hazel & Patricia Nyce

Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith; ©1982 and this arr. ©1991 Meadowgreen Music Co

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy he proves He is love
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love,
By His mercy he proves He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord
Great are You Lord and worthy of Glory
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise
Great are You Lord,
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord
Great are You
Lord!

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Postlude in B-Flat

Caleb Semper arr. By Michael Ryan

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers are \$40. Sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month, and sponsor Communion for \$30 a month. Contact Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up or go online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/>

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

The GRACE team is looking for guitarists and singers for Sunday morning services. The praise musicians lead the congregation in singing 2 songs during the 9:00 worship service and get together once per week to practice. Anyone in 7th grade through adult is welcome to join.

If interested contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com

Altar Guild is in need of clean 10-11 ounce coffee cans. If you have any to donate, they may be placed on the stage or on the windowsill outside the sacristy. Thank you.

We are looking for a Praise Band Leader for our blended weekly worship service. Music experience is required. It is a part time position, requiring 4-6 hours a week. A job description is available. If interested, please see Pastor Staub or contact Sharon Tracey (LBD36@AOL.COM).

Today

Swamp Picnic Committee Soup Sale!

Mark your calendar and save the date! The Swamp Picnic Committee is holding their annual soup sale **TODAY**, beginning around 10:00am (immediately following the 9:00 am service). Soup can be purchased in the Fellowship hall and at the kitchen door for drive up service. This year's selections are:

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Vegetable Beef
- Chili

The suggested donation is \$9/quart.

The Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of Fredrick Johnson and loved ones by Jane Johnson.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve Weidner, Rick Solazzo; Lector: Brenda Hunsberger; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Charlotte Lindenmuth

Next Sunday Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Scouts; Lector: Scout; Children's Sermon: Scout; Acolyte: Scout

Altar Guild Serving this Month Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 24

Adult Forum: Politics & Religion – Today, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico
12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Children’s Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

Thursday Morning Book Study – Thursday, 10:00am, room 33
God On Tap – Thursday, 6:00 pm Main St. Pub, Bally PA
Bell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Cub Scout Fund Raiser Pick Up – Saturday, Room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, Scout Sunday, 9:00 AM
sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

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AM, room 33

Upcoming Events

Constant Contact is a weekly email offering events and worship news. Did you get an email from Constant Contact this week? If not, don’t miss out! Sign up by calling the church at (610) 326 1335 or emailing cc-admin@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Politics and Religion Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions. The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children’s Choir** rehearses

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children’s Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the bell choir program, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursday Morning Book Study is held every Thursday at 10:00 am in room 33. come join us as we study and discuss the “Fierce Women of the Bible”. The study is open to all ages and genders. So please join us for some lively discussions and fellowship.

The NHELC book club will be meeting **Tuesday, February 7** at 6:30 PM at The Grind in Boyertown to discuss Gracie’s Secret by Jill Childs. All are welcome to attend! To stay up to date with what’s happening, join the group’s Facebook page, NHELC Book Club. If you aren’t on Facebook, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com for information.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Mardi Gras dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19 following worship. We will have elections of council members and acceptance of the Annual report. Additionally, we have a joyful celebration of the Children’s choir and Jazz entertainment. Som you’re your traditional dining foods plus a special menu of Louisiana’s favorites will be served. Please call and make your reservations at 610-326-1335.

Lenten suppers will be held every Wednesday, beginning on March 1st through March 29th, starting at 6:00 PM each Wednesday evening. A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. **The Fellowship Committee** is looking for people who are willing to bring desserts. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you are willing to bring a dessert. Thank you!

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 11th; 4:00 – 7:00 PM

It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. Enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. But, be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. BYOB The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities.

The cost is:

Adults - \$14.00

Seniors (65 and older) - \$11.00

Children (7-12) - \$7.00

Children (6 & younger) - free

You Can Help

NHELC will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958.

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Food Ministry

More than 120,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be

a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief

devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELCS Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally.

Trevor Martin	Jim Price	Jen Perez
Toni Rath	Melissa	Frank D.
Katy Mahon-Miller	Bernadette Phillips	Pam Helfrich
Matt Hall	Mary Lou	Barb & Tom Faust
Luann Hanley	Doug Weaver	Andy Van Dyke
Scot Smale	Joan Wagner	Janet
Carol Estes	Robert Ganovsky	Laurie Scoggins
William Trotter	Dorothy Bingaman	Pam Abbott
Kathy Kane	Emily Ocelus	Holli Muffler
Maxwell Girard	Eric & Wendy Hess	Louise Karns
Pat Fryer	Sue Care	Mary Van Dyke
Jean Renninger	Herman Richard	Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Pr. Kork Moyer	Deb Matthews	Jessica Trout
Betty Lou Shadle	Marceline	Denny Smith
Julia Hauck	Anne Eshleman	Verdi Smith
Tony Mancini	Daniel Johnson	Mabel Gaugler
Raul Castro	Gwen Grant	Andy VanDyke
Amy LeVan	Chris Fatzinger	Pat Freed
Jeffrey Kunsch	Hank Droneberg	Sandy Wesner
Braydon Kline	Pena family	
Wilma Lahr	Kim Frain	

Long-term

Sarah Bowman

Keeley Staples

Logan Conley

Tina Farrell

Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of Sally Kohl (Stacey Rothermel's mother).

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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OFFERING	Dec 2022 Contributions	Jan-Dec 2022 Total Contributions	Approved Budget through Dec 2022	% of Budget through Dec 2022
Envelope Offering	\$22,794	\$176,216	\$172,000	102%
Simply Giving Offering	\$9,035	\$118,332	\$133,500	89%
Loose Offering Offering	\$423	\$4,301	\$5,000	86%
<i>Total Offerings</i>	<i>\$32,252</i>	<i>\$298,849</i>	<i>\$310,500</i>	<i>96%</i>
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS				
Fuel Oil Contributions	\$850	\$5,713	\$9,000	63%
Bulletin Contributions	\$20	\$385	\$1,200	32%
Flower Contributions	\$111	\$2,942	\$3,000	98%
Food Ministry/ Garden of Hope Contributions	\$2,579	\$61,634	\$55,000	112%
Peer Support Ministry Contributions	\$126	\$12,054	\$4,000	301%
GRANTS				
Peer Support Ministry Grants	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	0%
Food Ministry/ Garden of Hope Grants	\$0	\$43,930	\$15,000	293%

CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	Dec 2022 Contributions	Total Contributions to Date	Total Project Cost	% of Total
HVAC Project Contributions	\$1,736	\$68,577	\$167,500	41%
AVEL ⁽¹⁾ Project Contributions	\$2,525	\$31,713	\$80,000	40%

⁽¹⁾ AVEL = Audio-Visual, Electric & Lighting project

NHEL C's Formation History

The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1700 by Daniel Falckner. He gathered the German immigrant Lutherans living between the Schuylkill River and what is now Pennsburg to form a congregation. He was followed by a number of "circuit" pastors who served a number of congregations. Among them was Henry Melchior Muhlenberg who arrived in 1742.

In 1768, the congregation built the stone building currently being used for worship. Prior to that, they worshipped in log buildings. During the war for American Independence, the building was used as a temporary hospital during the retreat of Washington's army following The Battle at Brandywine.

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, son of Henry, served the congregation from 1777 to 1778 before he entered government service in the continental congress and then, in the First congress of the United States where he became the first speaker of the House of Representatives.

New Hanover's history shows evidence of God's continuing grace. It was given a significant role in the birth of the Lutheran Church in America, as well as the birth of the nation itself. Fifty Revolutionary War veterans are buried in the New Hanover cemetery.



Send

Serving others

The pastor gives a blessing from God at the end of worship called the *benediction*. God blesses us. We pass the blessing on by serving others.



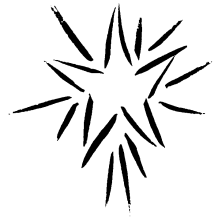
What is wrong with this restaurant? Who is serving? Who is being served? Circle people who are out of place.

This week

Thank people who serve you: mail carriers, school staff, family, and friends.

Kids Celebrate

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

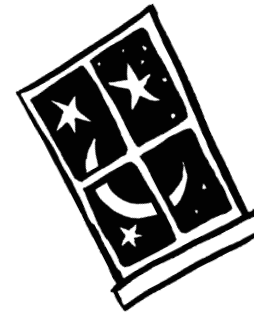


gather

Welcome to worship.

God surprises us with things we don't expect. Jesus came to us as a baby, not as a powerful king. Jesus talks to all people, not just the important leaders. He tells them the opposite of what they expect to hear.

Draw lines connecting the opposites.

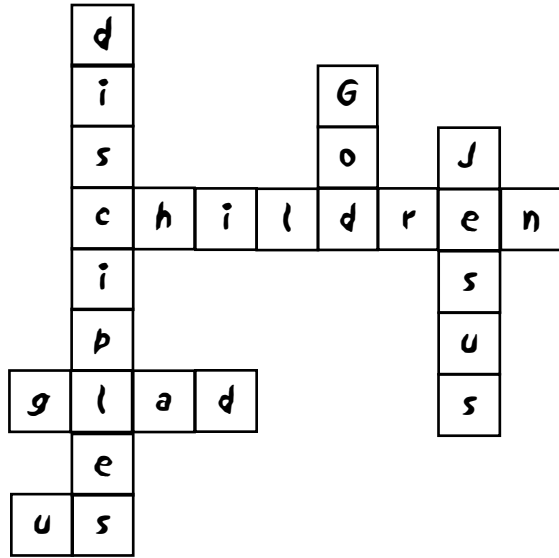


Inside out

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus turned many rules inside out.

This inside out puzzle is already finished. Use the puzzle to fill in the blanks below.



_____ taught the

_____:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see

_____. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will

be called _____ of God.

Rejoice and be _____. God blesses _____.



Be with us, Jesus, as we serve others. Amen

Jesus' words give blessings to people at surprising times: at sad times, when they felt poor, weak, or put down by others.



Circle the letters for the word the "blessed" in the picture.

Do justice,
love kindness,
walk humbly with God.
Micah 6:8



Create hand movements to help remember God's command in Micah 6:8.