

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

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025**

Jesus said,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
those who mourn,
the meek,
those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
the merciful,
the pure in heart,
the peacemakers,
those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
you when people revile you
and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven."



From Matthew 5:3-14

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Nicole Young, seminarian minister
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Handbell Choir

Today's Prayer of the Day is based on the words to this song as inspired by a prayer linked with the eleventh-century Francis of Assisi even though he did not write the prayer. The prayer asks, that guided by our divine Lord, we become instruments of God's peace by means of countercultural behavior. "Make me a channel of Your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring Your love. Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. He is commemorated on October 4, which is a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

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Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

ELW #835

vs. 1-4

Handbell Accompaniment

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Call to Worship

Pastor Scott

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Scott

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.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Grace Band

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Hayley Quigley

First Reading

Matthew 5:1-15

Miller Quigley

A reading from the book of Matthew

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,
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.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Grace Band

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus:

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

It's beauty for ashes

It's mourning to dancing

It's closer and closer

The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see

The fruit our hands have sown

Faith just like a seed

The only way it grows

Chorus

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Please be seated.

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 Evelyn Josephine Springer 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 Evelyn Springer and pray for her in her 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.

Please rise as you are able.

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

Evelynn Josephine Springer, 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 Evelynn 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.

Evelynn, 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.

Baptism Hymn

Myfanwy

See insert.

Pastor introduces Evelynn while the congregation sings.

Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Young

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Nikki Young

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.**

Peace

Nikki Young

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Choir Anthem “*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*”

Chancel Choir

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Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

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Announcements

Today

Congratulations to Evelyn Josephine Springer, daughter of Ryan and Carolyn Springer, who will be baptized this morning. Evelyn's sponsors are Tara Picht, Janine Springer and Kevin Kochka.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their mom, Patricia Osborne, by the Caputo family.

Today: Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Caleb Woods

Next Sunday Head Usher: Bill Allen, Usher: Dee Singley, Lector: Ron Fegley, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Maddie Artim

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

The annual meeting and potluck congregational dinner will be held following the worship service this morning. A presentation on the unique and exciting history of the congregation will be given by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

The RIC team would like to hear from you! The team asks you to complete the survey that is in today's bulletin. After completion, return it to the basket on the stage in Fellowship Hall. After today, the basket will be on the table (where the name tags are) in the Welcome Center. Or, you can place your completed



survey in the mail slot or return it to the church office. Also, the survey will be included in the upcoming newsletter. We would like the surveys returned by March 9th.

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, kitchen door

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Dinner – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary and room 1

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Confirmation Class – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 6:30 – 8:30 PM, 1, 4, 14, 21-24

Gathering – Tuesday, 12:00 noon, rooms 1, 11

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

Learning Center Board – 7:00 PM, room 14

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

GriefShare – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, welcome center

Scout Pizza Pickup – Thursday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM, room 1

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Worship Service – Next 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, kitchen door

Fastnacht Social – Next Sunday, rooms 1, 11

The next Gathering is Tuesday, February 25th. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at noon for a luncheon followed by a live-stream presentation by Margaret Renkl, author of *Late Migrations*. A contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, Margaret Renkl provides an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the

natural world. To help with planning for this event, sign up on Signup Genius at <https://search.app/UyyZWjoiqZ9LRbX76> or on the sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

Cemetery News

If you would like to keep the Christmas decorations decorating your loved ones grave sites in the cemetery, please remove the decorations by the end of February.

Upcoming Events

NHEL C is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items through the end of February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Look for the list of items that are currently needed at the Cluster in the January newsletter.

Children's Day Celebration is March 16th. Since the congregation's forming in 1700, the church has been blessed to have families with children from generation to generation. This year, the 325th Anniversary Committee wants to highlight our children on Children's Day, March 16th. Our younger-aged children will take part in leading the service and provide special music. Parents, bring your children to church on this day to receive a special blessing and so the congregation can give thanks for these young ones who are the future of our church. Following the service, there will be a light reception. This day is in addition to Youth Sunday which is being planned by our older youth on March 30th. Come and celebrate the future leaders of NHEL C!

Box City is Coming This year, we are hosting Box City, a homeless experience and lock-in for our youth and youth within the SEPA Synod. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for dinner on Saturday, March 22nd, and to help with a simple continental-type breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. If you can help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. We will be meeting at Peppe's Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville on Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30PM. Join the club for an evening of fellowship and fun! If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELC True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – Rising 5th Graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

GriefShare Group If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join a new GriefShare group hosted by NHELC. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

NHELC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop will open later this month! We are excited to partner with a local company that will make items such as polos, t-shirts, hoodies and other accessories available for order with our 325th Anniversary logo. More details are coming soon!

New Hanover's Got Talent! Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On **Sunday, March 2nd**, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include Fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall for Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:00

PM. There will be a location set aside at the church, for members who don't want to attend virtually. A panel, consisting of four people from Lutheran churches in our area that have gone through the RIC journey, will be telling us about their RIC experiences and you will have the opportunity to ask them questions.

The participants are: Pastor Daniel Eisenberg, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mayfair (Philadelphia), Pastor Keith Anderson, Pastor of Upper Dublin Lutheran Church (Ambler), Stephanie Jacob, member of the RIC core team at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church and Lee Shannon, member of the RIC core team at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown.

More information will be shared soon.

The RIC team is looking forward to this event and hope that you will plan to join them!

Save the Date! Camp Falckner, an overnight camp held in our church's picnic grove, is scheduled for July 21-24, 2025. All youth who will have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this spring!

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church’s website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

You Can Help

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

You can donate to NHELHC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

More than 200,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCL’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 on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Reconciling in Christ

Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations. The presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns-Why They Are Important”, are now on the church website under the Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser: <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



General Fund Financial Summary - YTD 2025			
Month	Income	Expense	Difference
January	\$ 27,384.16	\$ 40,870.67	\$ (13,486.51)
	Balance	as of date	
General Fund - Cash on Hand	\$ 76,680.00	1/31/2025	

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Carol Buchholtz Yost (Nance White's sister)

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall
Kate Brunick & family	Pat Green	Paul Knauer
Suzanne Dodge	Bill Bauer	Sue Lowry
Dave Pollock		

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Celebrating 325 Years
1700-2025

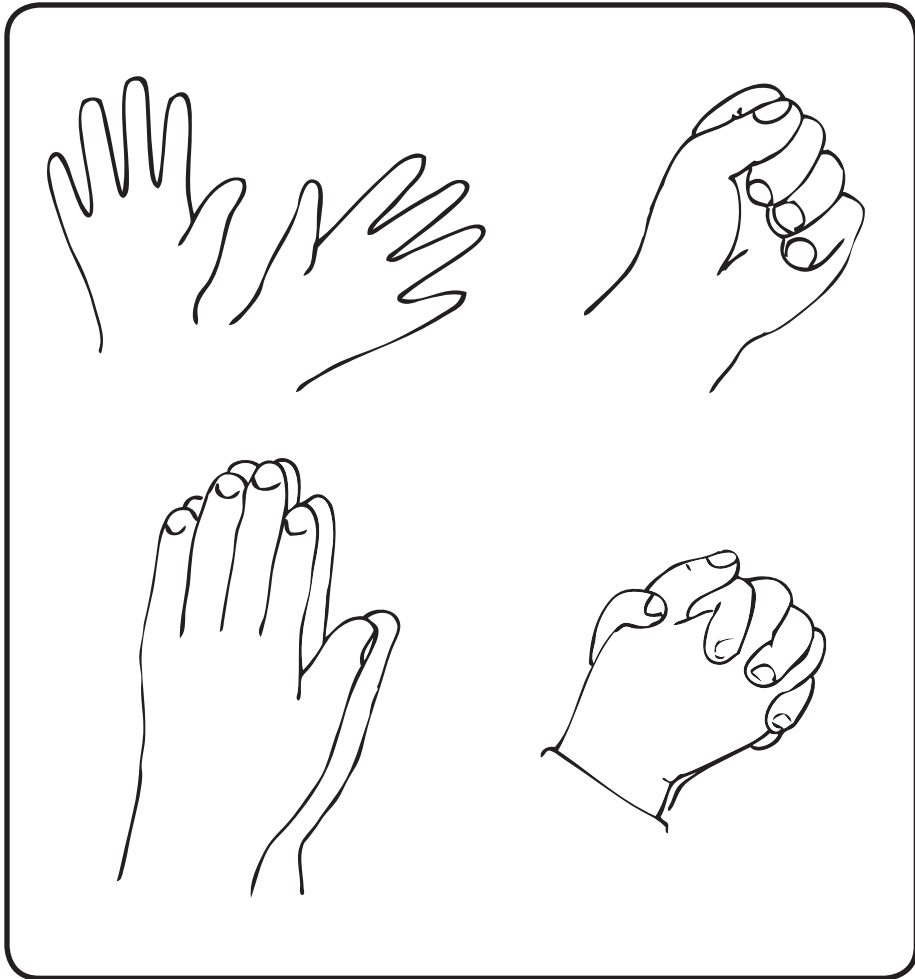


Still Making History

Jesus taught us to love others. We can show that love by praying for the people in our lives. During worship, we pray for people at our church who are sick or hurting. Listen for this prayer.



There are many ways to pray. Try putting your hands together in these different ways. When you pray, you can talk to God about anything!

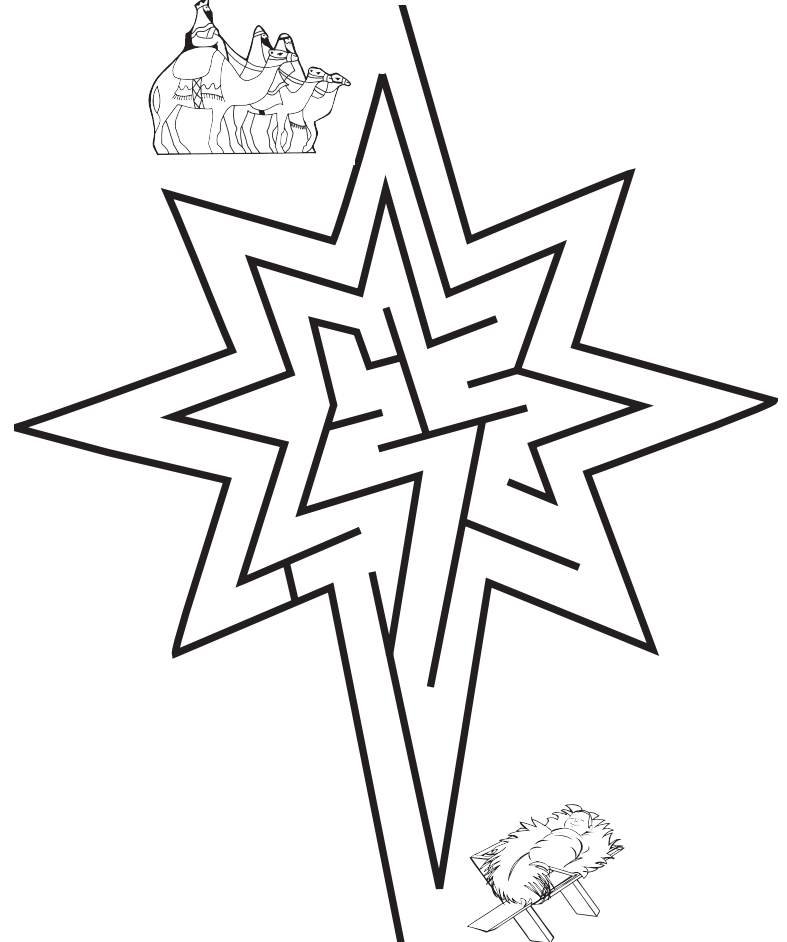


PRE-READER

Epiphany 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday in Epiphany**.
- During Epiphany, Jesus started to **teach**.
- Jesus **called** others to **follow** him.

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. The disciples followed Jesus. Travel through the star to find Jesus!

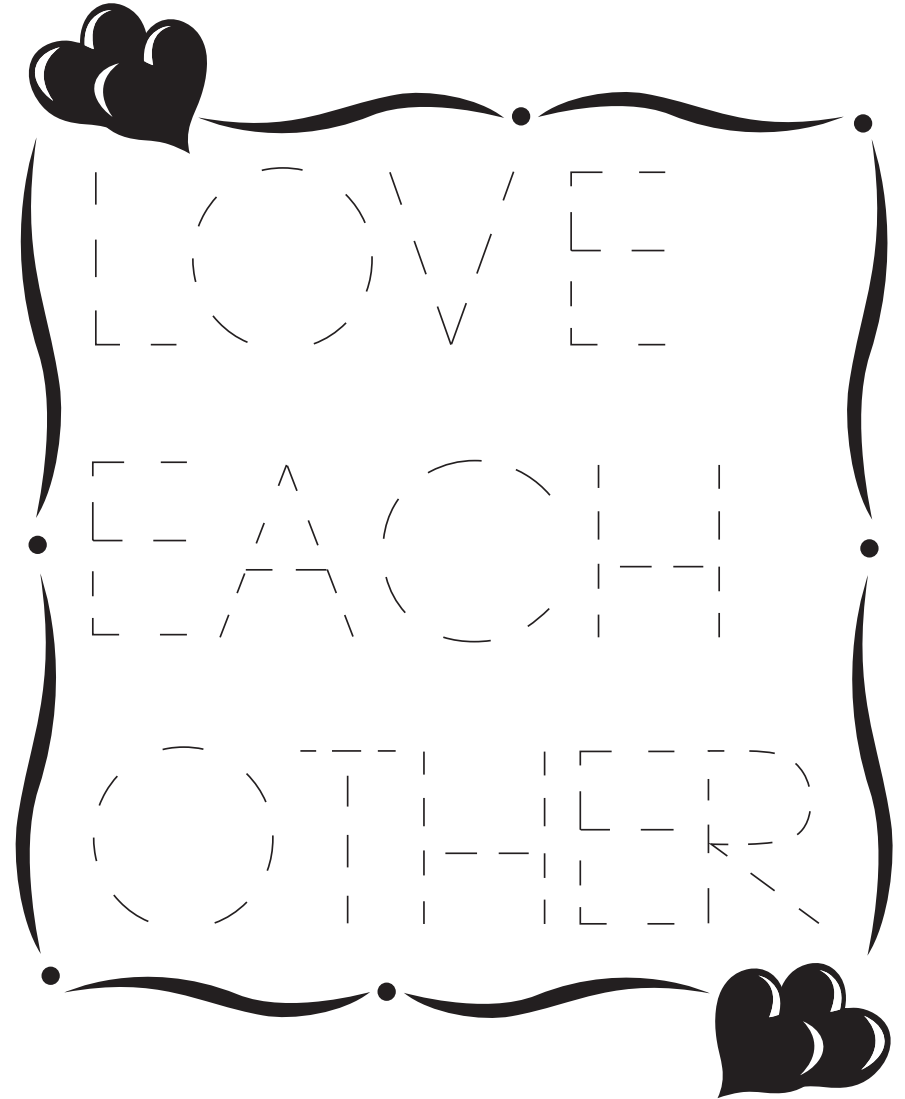




Share what you have with other people.

The **wise men** came to find Jesus. When Jesus grew up, he was wise, too! Jesus was a **teacher**.

Trace the letters below to learn what Jesus taught us.



A Five-Fingered Prayer

Jesus told us to love others. One way to show love for someone is to pray for them. During worship, listen for someone to read prayer concerns. You can also look in the bulletin or ask your pastor. Pick five people or causes. Use this five-fingered prayer to pray for them.

Trace around your hand in pencil in the space below. On each finger, write or draw something you want to pray about. Then put your hand over the traced hand and pray about what you wrote or drew.



READER

Epiphany 7

- Today is the **seventh Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- During the season of Epiphany, Jesus **began** his ministry and **called** others to follow him.
- Jesus taught using **parables**. Parables are **stories** that help us understand God.

**Use these boxes to create a story of your own.
What message do you want someone to understand?**



When we have enemies, we are divided!
Do the division problems below to find the missing words. If you need help, look up Luke 6:27.

Memory Verse



But I say to you who are listening:

$45 \div 3$	$25 \div 5$	$34 \div 2$	$48 \div 3$
_____	_____	_____	_____

your enemies, do

$8 \div 2$	$30 \div 6$	$100 \div 20$	$96 \div 16$
_____	_____	_____	_____

to those

$33 \div 11$	$36 \div 4$	$25 \div 5$
_____	_____	_____

hate you.

Y	B	W	G	O	D	A	R	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

U	M	S	X	I	L	E	V
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Joke Time

Jokes and riddles can be a great way to make someone laugh if you're having trouble getting along. Try telling one of these jokes to a parent, sibling, or friend.

*How do you study the Bible?
You Luke into it.*

*What kind of lights were on the ark?
Flood lights!*

*Who was the greatest sinner in the Bible?
Moses, because he broke all the commandments at once.*

*Why didn't they play cards on the ark?
Because Noah was standing on the deck.*



Bible Tip!

Making bookmarks for your Bible can help you find your favorite stories. First choose a story. Then draw a scene, symbol, or Bible time person on the bookmark to help you remember it.

Following God's Path

It's not hard to love someone who is nice to you. It can be difficult to be kind to a person who is mean. God promises to help. Follow the path of GOD'S WAY to move from anger to friendship. The first few letters are highlighted for you.

L	M	I	N	E	S	U	C	A
H	P	C	O	D	M	W	W	Y FINISH
T	U	G	V	R	B	A	S	M
U	Y	J	I	G	Y	Z	D	I
W	A	B	O	L	J	O	T	N
S	F	T	D	S	K	G	Y	E
N	D	L	Q	I	W	V	I	A
U	O	V	B	A	G	C	W	F
G START	P	H	Y	E	D	S	U	R
M	A	D	G	O	I	L	X	Y

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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CHORUS 1a

♩ = 73

C G D/F# Em C G

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho-ly name.

Dsus D C Em C D Em C D C/G G 2nd time to Coda

Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name.

VERSE 1

9 C/G G C G D Em C G

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song

13 D Em C G D Em

a-gain. What-ev-er may pass, and what-ev-er lies be-fore me,

17 C G Dsus D G C/G G D.S. al Coda

let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning comes. Bless the

21 C/G G Coda

You're

VERSE 2

C G D Em C G D Em

rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For

26 C G D/F# Em C G

all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing; Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my

CHORUS 1b

Dsus D G C/G G C G D/F# Em

(instr. repeat)

heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

35 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

VERSE 3

1 2

C D G G C G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. And on that day, when my

43 D/F# Em C G D Em C G

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

47 D/F# Em C G Dsus D

praise un - end - ing ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er -

CHORUS 1b

G C/G G C G D/F# Em

more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

55 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

59 C D G C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

TAG

C D Em C D

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

INSTRUMENTAL

ENDING

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

72 C D Em C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

76 C D G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name._____

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(based on the recording by Pat Barrett | original key - A)

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and Chris Tomlin

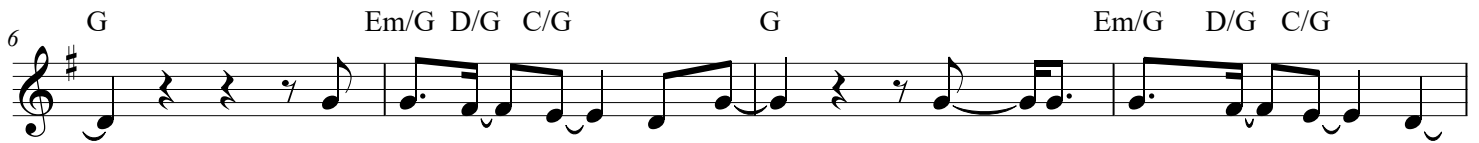
INTRO

♩ = 103 Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G



VERSE 1 & 2

It all comes down to this,
It) all comes down to this,



what You re - quire of me: Love my neigh - bor as my -
to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the

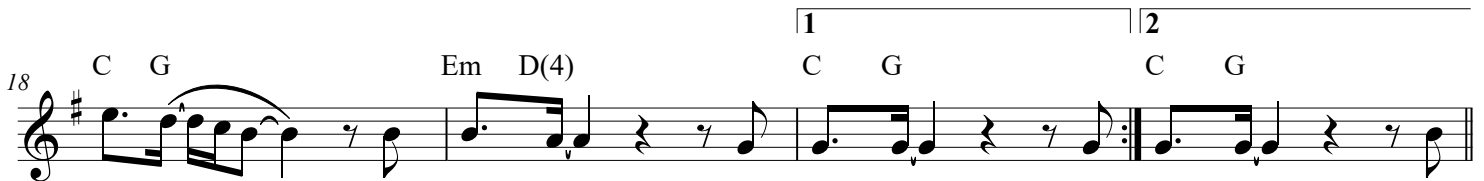
CHORUS 1a



self, and You a - bove all things. Act just - ly, love
world, the truth will set us free.



mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in



all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God. It You, God. It's

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BRIDGE

C G/B D(4) C G/B

beau - ty for ash - es, it's mourn - ing to danc - ing. It's clos - er and clos - er, the

TURNAROUND

1 2

D(4) D(4) Em/G D/G Gsus G Em/G D/G

King - dom of heav - en. It's King - dom of heav - en.

VERSE 3

Gsus G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G

3. Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.

INSTRUMENTAL

Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G

Faith, just like a seed, the on - ly way it grows.

CHORUS 1b

C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G Em D(4)

Act just - ly, love

C G Em D(4) C G Em D(4)

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in

48

C G Em D(4) C G

all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God...

Myfanwy - Baptism

Parry-Tonkin

O pre - cious child whom now God bless - es with

The first system of musical notation for the song. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O pre - cious child whom now God bless - es with".

grace that com-eth from a - bove. The Ho - ly Spi - rit is up - on you, the de -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "grace that com-eth from a - bove. The Ho - ly Spi - rit is up - on you, the de -".

scen - ding dove that shows God's love. Christ's pre - sence in bap - tis - mal wa - ters now

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "scen - ding dove that shows God's love. Christ's pre - sence in bap - tis - mal wa - ters now".

clean - ses you from all - sin. The sa - ving grace, a - ma - zing grace, God's

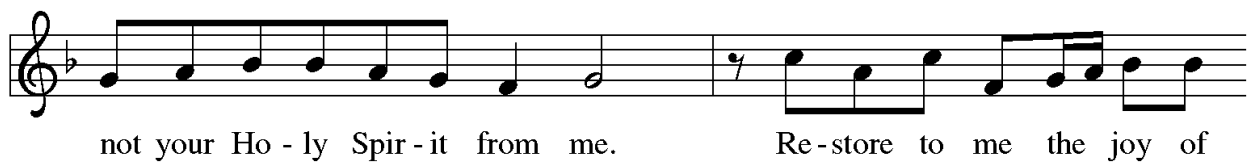
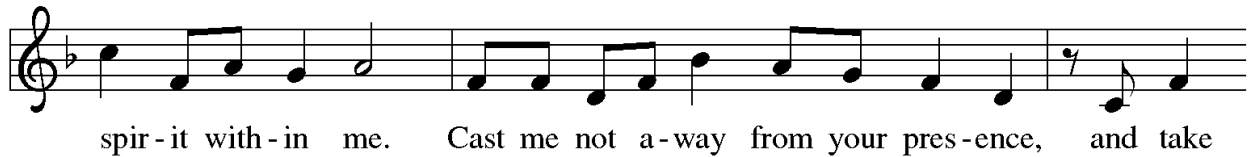
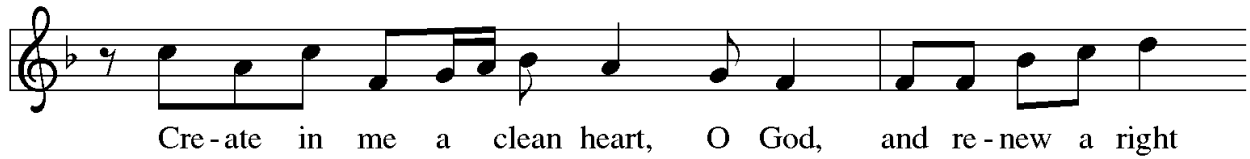
The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "clean - ses you from all - sin. The sa - ving grace, a - ma - zing grace, God's".

gift of new life now be - gins

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the accompaniment concludes in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "gift of new life now be - gins".

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



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Church Community Perspectives on the RIC (Reconciling in Christ) program.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. This short survey is meant to help our church leadership understand how well our congregation understands the Reconciling in Christ program and any questions or concerns you may have. Your feedback is valuable in guiding our next steps. All responses are anonymous.

Question 1: How familiar are you with the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program?

(Circle just one response)

- 1 - Not familiar - I don't know much about it
- 2 - Neutral
- 3- Very familiar - I understand the program well

Question 2: Where have you learned about the RIC program? (Circle all that apply)

- 1- Church announcements or discussions
- 2- Conversations with other congregation members
- 3- Church leadership or council meetings
- 4- Online resources or external materials
- 5- I haven't heard much about it yet

Question 3: How do you feel about the values and goals of the RIC program? (Circle just one response)

- 1- I fully support them.
- 2- I mostly support them but have some questions.
- 3- I'm unsure and would like to learn more.
- 4- I have concerns about how it aligns with our church's mission.

NEXT PAGE PLEASE - Questions continue...

Question 4: Do you believe the RIC program aligns with our church's mission? (Circle one response and then answer question based on the response you circle)

1- Yes, absolutely.

Can you explain why you believe the RIC program aligns with our church's mission?

2- I'm not sure. I need more information.

What question(s) do you have to help you decide whether or not the RIC program aligns with our church's mission?

3- No, I don't think the RIC program aligns with our church's mission and values.

Can you explain more about why you don't think the RIC program aligns with our church's mission and values?

NEXT PAGE PLEASE: Questions continue...

Question 5: What questions or concerns do you have about the RIC program?

Question 6: Would you be interested in attending an informational session or discussion to learn more?

1- Yes

1- Maybe

3- No

Question 7: If you have any additional thoughts or questions you'd like to share, please do so here.

Question 8: Please let us know your name and contact information if you would like to speak with someone from the RIC group or hear directly from us if you listed questions in previous responses.

END SURVEY: Please be sure to send back and/or drop the survey in the drop-box at Church.