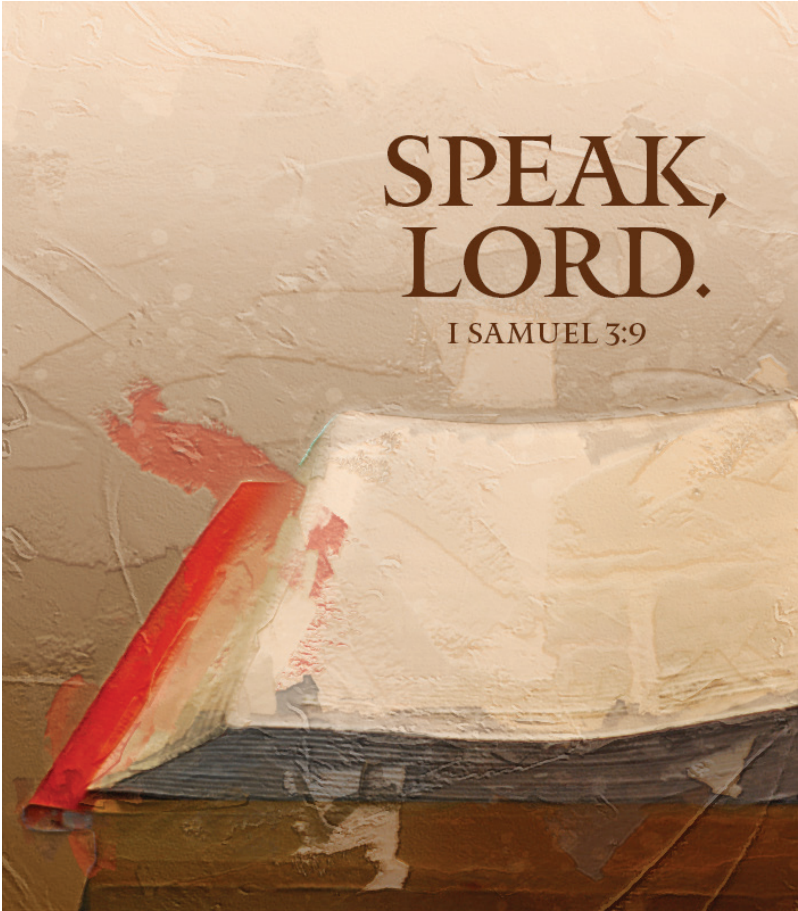




SPEAK, LORD.

I SAMUEL 3:9

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Brightest and Best”

Robert Hobby

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the

LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.” ¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 139:1-10

¹LORD, you have searched me | out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

**²You trace my journeys and my | resting places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

**⁴You press upon me behind | and before
and lay your | hand upon me.**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

**⁶Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
where can I flee | from your presence?**

⁷If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.

**⁸If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,**

⁹Even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them

members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Christ, Be Our Light”

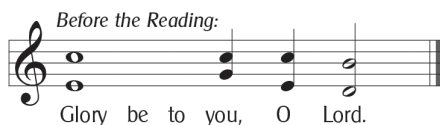
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of John.



Gospel: John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Children's Chat

Sermon: "In a World of Words"

Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
¹**hallowed be thy name,**
²**thy kingdom come,**

³thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;
⁵and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
⁶and lead us not into temptation,
⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittus

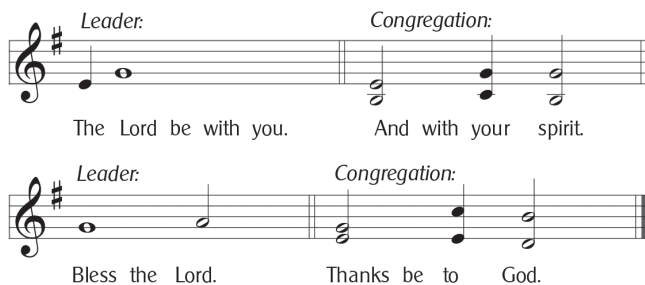
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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Praise"

Philip Nicolai

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

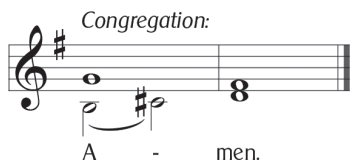
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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

Acolyte/Crucifer training class will be held on **Sunday, January 28th, at 3pm**, for **all NEW Acolytes/Crucifers** (child must be in 4th grade or higher). Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402, if your child will be attending, if you need another day scheduled, or if you have any questions.

“We believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.” (Nicene Creed)

A new Bible study begins on Tuesdays at 10am and 6pm in February and March. “The Spiritual Realms” is a nine-session series on Heaven and Hell and places beyond this world. The study looks at the many “place names” that are found throughout Scripture that are spiritual realms of existence underlying the universe God created. This study explores realities of existence beyond what we know and experience everyday.

If you plan to be a part of this study, the workbook costs \$15. Please call the church office so we can order one for you.

Session 1 – Seen and Unseen: What God has Revealed in Christ

Session 2 – Heaven: God’s Throne Room Above

Session 3 – Earth: The Occupied Territory of the Devil

Session 4 – Sheol (Hades): The Place of the Dead

Session 5 – Paradise: Resting in Peace with Christ

Session 6 – Tartarus: The Gloomy Dungeon Prison

Session 7 – Gehenna: The Hell of Fire

Session 8 – New Jerusalem: God’s Dwelling With Us

Session 9 – Off-Center: Purgatory, Limbo, and Popular Culture



Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/07)	\$4,180
Other Offering (1/07)	\$831
Sunday School Attendance (1/07)	72
Worship Attendance (1/07)	179

Children’s missions change collections for the
first quarter of 2024 will go to the
Department of Lutheran Studies at
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte
Last Sunday: \$99.50

Sunday, January 14

- Worship & Music Committee, conference room, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, January 15

- February newsletter articles are due by Friday this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 16

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, January 17

- Homeschool meets, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, January 18

- Friendship Club meets in the fellowship hall at 10:30am

Sunday, January 21

- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Paul Canup – Recovering from a fall
- Lynn Price (Betty Camerlin's niece) – Health concerns
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery at home
- Jane Wilhelm – Recovering from a fall

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

The first **2024 blood drive** at St. Paul's will be Monday, February 12, from 1:30–6pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage dinner will be Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:00pm. Come to the fellowship hall for good food and some fun fellowship.

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. There will be no meal that Wednesday, as it is a traditional day of fasting.

Lenten Suppers are on Wednesdays beginning February 21st and go through March 27th. The suppers are at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Lenten services are at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and will last about 30 minutes.

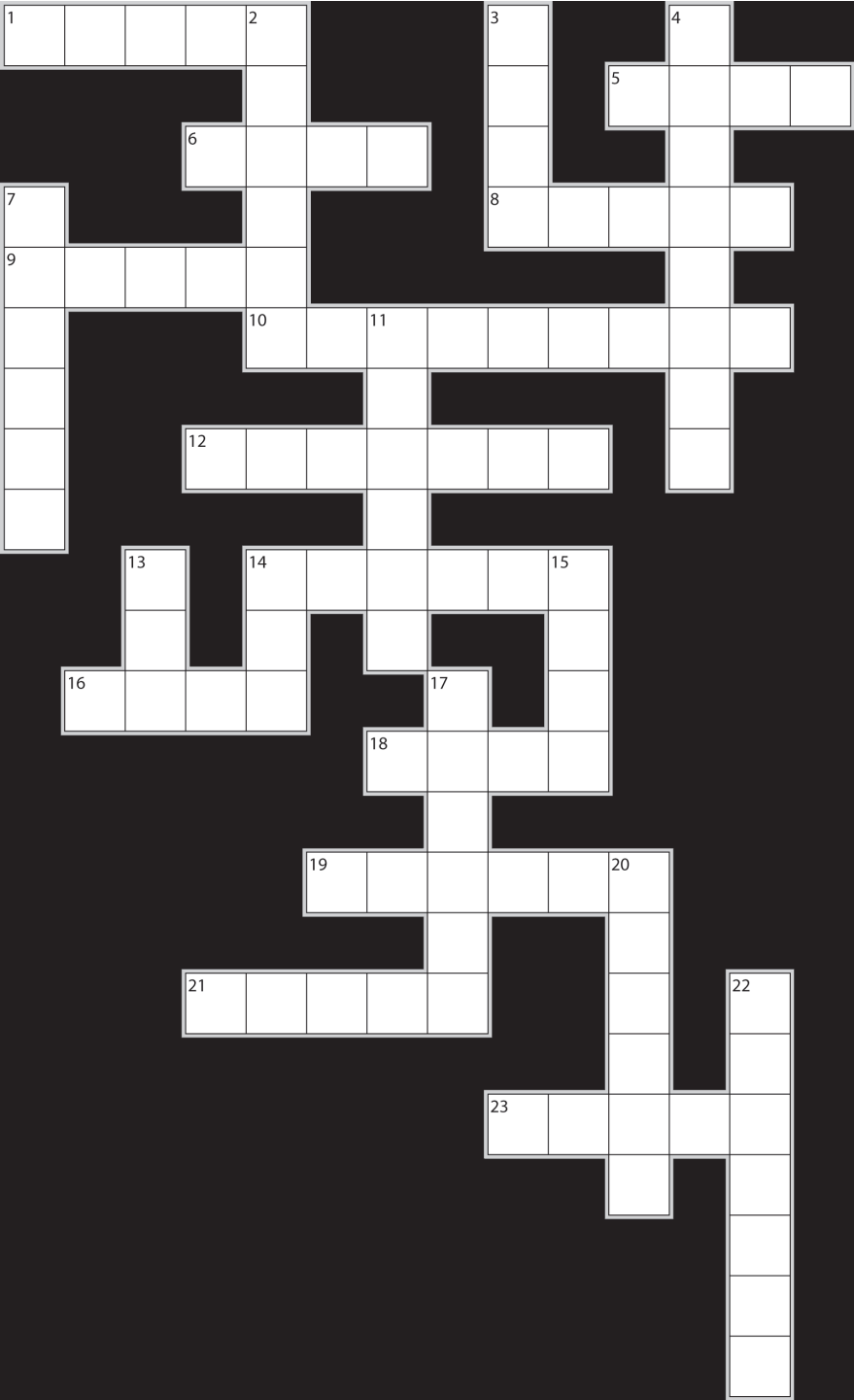
Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00pm, March 28th. Good Friday service is the next day at 7:00pm, with no meals on Thursday or Friday—services only.

Historically and traditionally Ash Wednesday and Good Friday have been days of fasting for all Christians. Because of the latter, many have practiced fasting on each Friday in Lent.

Valentine's Dinner

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Valentine dinner on Saturday, February 17th, at 6pm. For entertainment, we will play "Name that Tune." The theme will be love songs.

The cost will be \$12/person. Tickets will be sold after church on January 28th.



Second Sunday after Epiphany

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

1. Those who join their bodies are one...
5. To God, even darkness is not...
6. What had not gone out in the temple?
8. What did Eli tell Samuel to say to the Lord?
9. You were bought with a...
10. An Israelite in whom there was no deceit
12. Food is meant for it.
14. What did Jesus tell Philip?
16. Nathanael called Jesus "rabbi," Son of God," and...
18. The body is not meant for immorality but for the...
19. They will ascend and descend on the Son of Man.
21. How many times did God call Samuel?
23. God is even in this deep place.

DOWN

2. God is in this high place.
3. God is acquainted with all our...
4. Can anything good come from there?
7. You cannot flee from him.
11. What your body is
13. Whose eyesight had begun to grow dim?
14. Before Phil called Nate, Nate was under one of these trees.
15. It was rare in the days of Eli.
17. God knows what you will say before the word is on your...
20. Who was ministering with Eli?
22. Not all things are...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 7:29-35; Mark 1:14-20

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