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Morning Worship 143

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Up-Coming Events

- **12/9 Holiday Fun Fair Hosted by the Walking Believers**
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December 3, 2023

No. 49

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SUNDAY	Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Evening Zoom Bible Study	6:30 P.M.
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The Ladies Night Out Was Fantastic!

The ladies of the congregation wish to express their deepest gratitude for the wonderful care and sweetness that the men graced them with. The food was FANTASTIC, the fellowship was FANTASTIC, the men (both young and old) were FANTASTIC; the evening was simply FABULOUSLY FANTASTIC!! Hands down, WCoC has some of the most thoughtful, caring, and loving men in the whole state! We love you brothers!

Next Sunday Is Our Bilingual Service and Luncheon

Just a reminder that next Sunday is our special time together where we worship, eat, and fellowship together. We ask that each family or individual please bring a side, entrée (meat), dessert, or beverage to share. Foil pans are available to prepare your meal in. Please see Beverly Pierce or Jason Charles for a foil pan.

Please Join Us For Our First Ever Community Meal

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Thank you for Supporting the Shoebox Toy Collection Drive

This project is meant to bring great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need in Belize. Your gift offers a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! The boxes will be delivered by our local church partner in Belize. Thank you for supporting and partnering with our Walking Believers youth group.

The Electrifying Easternnaires 54th Annual Gospel Concert

You are cordially invited to celebrate the Electrifying Easternnaires 54th Annual Gospel Concert on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey.

Today's Devotional

In 2nd Peter, we learn of God's divine power and nature:

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” 2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

Towards the end of chapter one, Peter issues a really powerful defense of his ministry and the facts around Jesus being who he claimed to be:

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:16-21 ESV

The Bible isn't a collection of fables. It wasn't made up by men. It is the Word of God. We are correct in trusting in what it says and putting our hope in the promises of God.

Bible Reading: November 27 - December 3, 2023

- Dan 2:24-3:30; 1 Pet 4:7-5:14; Psa 119:81-96; Pro 28:15-16
- Dan 4:1-37; 2 Pet 1:1-21; Psa 119:97-112; Pro 28:17-18
- Dan 5:1-31; 2 Pet 2:1-22; Psa 119:113-128; Pro 28:19-20
- Dan 6:1-28; 2 Pet 3:1-18; Psa 119:129-152; Pro 28:21-22
- Dan 7:1-28; 1 Jn 1:1-10; Psa 119:153-176; Pro 28:23-24
- Dan 8:1-27; 1 Jn 2:1-17; Psa 120:1-7; Pro 28:25-26
- Dan 9:1-11:1; 1 Jn 2:18-3:6; Psa 12:1-8; Pro 28:27-28

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us... 1 John 5:14

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Answered Prayers: Dick Boyd's cataract procedure was successful.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Barry Coleman will begin radiation treatment for his prostate cancer later this month.
- Gerardo Orozco's father is critically ill with kidney failure in the Westchester Medical Hospital in Valhalla.
- Mary Slaughter has seen the specialist about her injured hand and will have additional tests run in December.
- Charles Hooi, Swee Maurizio's brother-in-law as he recovers from prostate surgery and continues treatment for his cancer.
- Carl Satina, a friend of the Olsens had a tumor removed from his brain and is awaiting biopsy results.
- Regina Campbell for continuing health issues.
- Suzan Strickland's grandmother, Ruth Jacobs passed away. Please pray for the family as they grieve her loss. Funeral information to be determined.
- Drew Robinson, a member of Dutchess County Church of Christ, is dealing with chronic pain, nausea, and vomiting.

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¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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December 10, 2023

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Thank You's From Our Young People

From Brian Garcia: I just got home, and I received a package from the church!!!! Wow!! Thank u so much, it really uplifted my spirits. Right now, I'm in a pretty rough spot so this package came in such perfect timing!! I am so grateful for all of you, I have no idea who else worked on this but please send them my hugs and thanks!! I love you all! God bless ❤️❤️

From Thomas Olsen: Hi, I want to thank you all for sending me the care package. Y'all gave me some much-needed stuff! However, I'm more thankful for the fact that I have a support system like y'all around me. This year has been mentally and physically taxing so having y'all hold me up means more than words can say. God bless all of you!

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“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.”
1 John 1:1-4 NIV

It is similar to how the Gospel of John opens:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”
John 1:1-4 NIV

Near the end of 1 John, we read this:

“...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:11-12 NIV

It is all about Jesus. The plan of salvation, authored by the Father, mandates the way back to Him through His Son.

Bible Reading: December 4-10, 2023

- Am 1:1-3:15; Rev 2:1-17; Psa 129:1-8; Pro 29:19-20
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¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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Rules For Growing Christians

via San Augustine church of Christ

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1).

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3).

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6: 19,20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching up to the very thoughts of God (Phil. 4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of a complex civilization (Mt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

Bible Reading: December 18-24, 2023

- Na 1:1-3:19; Rev 8:1-13; Psa 136:1-26; Pro 30:7-9
- Hab 1:1-3:19; Rev 9:1-21; Psa 137:1-9; Pro 30:10
- Zep 1:1-3:20; Rev 10:1-11; Psa 138:1-8; Pro 30:11-14
- Hag 1:1-2:23; Rev 11:1-19; Psa 139:1-24; Pro 30:15-16
- Zec 1:1-21; Rev 12:1-13:1a; Psa 140:1-13; Pro 30:17
- Zec 2:1-3:20; Rev 13:1b-18; Psa 141:1-10; Pro 30:18-20
- Zec 4:1-5:11; Rev 14:1-20; Psa 142:1-7; Pro 30:21-23

Today's Devotional

In his second epistle, John writes that he is pleased to see one congregation of believers push away false teachings and stick with the truth.

"It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." 2 John 1:4-6 NIV

In 3 John, one particular false teacher is called out. Note his motive.

"I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church." 3 John 1:9-10 NIV

Jude also writes about false teachers...

"For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them.

These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage."

Jude 1:4, 8, 10, 12-13, 16 NIV

We must remain committed to truth and love.

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Answered Prayers: 1) Steven Campbell's mother is doing well and has been released from the hospital.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Pauline Whyte, a friend of Sunny Yanis, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck in Atlanta. Pray that she might fully recover from her injuries.
- Carl Satina, a friend of the Olsens has oligodendroglioma which is a form of brain cancer. Thankfully, doctors are optimistic that it's treatable but not curable. He will have 6 weeks of radiation and 1 year of chemo treatments. Continued prayers are appreciated.
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08 Alissa Justino	20 Paul & Melanie Bell-Kirk*
09 Miryam Cangana	20 Fe Maria Gutierrez Camela
12 Leroy & Edith Shakespeare*	24 Rocio Adriano
13 Regina Campbell	24 Angela Young-Jones
13 Derian Rosario	26 Agreea Dieulifaite
14 Arthur Davidson	26 David Lopez
15 April Olsen	30 Kenan Joshua Fairclough
19 Jayla Brown	31 Steven & Regina Campbell*

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Revelations 1:5-8 (ESV)

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SUNDAY	Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
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Merry Christmas Everyone!

As much of the world pauses to celebrate the birth of Christ, we rejoice in the opportunity we have each and every Sunday to come together and celebrate the birth, the ministry, the death, the resurrection and the Lordship of Jesus.

The Five Finger Prayer

By Lance Morrisett, Hooker church of Christ

The five finger prayer is a great way to teach someone to pray, or a good model for anyone to use to pray. Remember, James 5:13-16 teaches us to pray for one another.

First, your thumb is nearest you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

Second, the next finger, is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and offer comfort. This can include teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

Third comes the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide the public in many different ways. They need God's guidance.

Fourth comes our ring finger. We could pray for marriages and families. We could also pray for those who are weak, because our ring finger is the weakest of the five. You cannot pray too much for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

Fifth comes our little finger. It is the smallest of the five. It should remind us of our place in relation to God and others. God's Word teaches us that, "the least shall be the greatest among you" (Matthew 23:11). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Are you praying?

Today's Devotional

The book of Revelation is perhaps the most misunderstood book of the Bible, but it doesn't have to be intimidating. First century Christians were facing an increasingly hostile world. Significant persecution was coming from the Roman Empire. This letter from the Apostle John was intended to provide hope. Written in a symbolic language (with similarities to Daniel and Ezekiel) it is something that is very much understandable and still provides hope for Christians today.

John was told to address the letter to 7 cities in Asia. Seven is the biblical number that means complete. The description of Jesus very much connects to descriptions we see in Old Testament books written in this apocalyptic style. The key insight here is the fact that Jesus died, but was indeed alive. Our hope is rooted in the resurrection.

"Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches." Revelation 1:12-20

Bible Reading: December 25-31, 2023

- Zec 6:1-7:14; Rev 15:1-8; Psa 143:1-12; Pro 30:24-28
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- Zec 14:1-21; Rev 20:1-15; Psa 148:1-14; Pro 31:8-9
- Mal 1:1-2:17; Rev 21:1-27; Psa 149:1-9; Pro 31:10-24
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Prayer Requests

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Answered Prayers: Peter Olsen, Monica Lima, and Stephnie Durgaprasad are all feeling better and covid free.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Suzan Strickland is recovering from a surgical procedure on Friday.
- Vicki Bartels is suffering from a torn hamstring.
- Jackie Charles leaves this week to spend 6 months in Trinidad. Prayer for her safety and travels.
- Pauline Whyte, a friend of Sunny Yanis, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck and is currently in a coma.
- Thomas Olsen asks prayers for peace and mercy for his friend, Chelsea Sawai. Chelsea has been diagnosed with a form of terminal cancer.
- Barry Coleman begins cancer treatment Tuesday, December 26th.
- Regina Campbell is having surgery on 12/27 and will be out of commission for two weeks. Her mom is traveling on 12/25 to be here for the surgery..

Traveling: Prayers for all of our members and loved ones traveling during the next couple of weeks. We will miss them, but, Lord willing, we'll all be back together soon. Those we know that are traveling include: Doloris Younge, Guiana; Jacque Pettit, NY; Kristyn Pettit; Quentin & Heidi Hendrix, the Bostons, Philippines; the Olsens; and everyone traveling over the holidays

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Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV)

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Up-Coming Events

- **1/8 Discover How You Can Reduce Your Risks For 95% of Chronic Diseases in Just 5 Moves by Dr. Cedrick Batchateu, Self-Care Advocate, 914-355-6796. The Challenge starts January 8th. For more info: <https://www.drccd.com/challenge>**
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Welcome to the World Corey!

We are thrilled to celebrate with Robyn and Erin Malone on the birth of their daughter, Corey Ann Malone. Corey was born on December 9th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

May the Lord bless us spiritually, numerically and physically in the coming New Year!

Please note that tonight's zoom Bible class is cancelled.

Welcome to Flight #2024

We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your *attitude* and *blessings* are secured and locked in an upright position. **All** self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. **All** negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

The CAPTAIN (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff.

Destination...Eternal Life!

Bible Reading: January 1-7, 2025

- Gen 1:1-2:25; Mt 1:1-2:12; Psa 1:1-6; Pv 1:1-6
- Gen 3:1-4:26; Mt 2:13-3:6; Ps 2:1-12; Pr 1:7-9
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- Gen 13:5 – 15:21; Mat 5:27-48; Psa 6:1-10; Pro 1:29-33
- Gen 16:1-18:19; Mt 6:1-24; Psa 7:1-17; Pro 2:1-5

Today's Devotional

Jesus was no accident! Let's look at some Old Testament scriptures that prove that Jesus was no accident. God the Father promised a Messiah, a Savior. And Jesus fulfilled all these promises.

1. He would be resurrected. (Psalm 16:8-12)
2. He would usher in a new covenant (Jer 31:31)
3. He would be the rejected cornerstone (Psalm 118: 22-24)
4. He would be born of a virgin. (Isa 7:14)
5. He would be a suffering servant (Isa 53)
6. He would bear our sins. (Isa 52-53)
7. A messenger would prepare the way (Mal 4)
8. He would be called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1)
9. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech 11:12-13)
10. He would be the Passover Lamb (Exo 12)
11. He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
12. He would descend from King David (2 Sam 7)
13. He would fulfill the promise to Abraham (Gen 12:3)
14. He would be a light for all nations (Isa 42:1-7)

”In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.“
John 1:1-4 NIV

Reading Through the Bible This Year

God's Word is like bread to eat. It is needed daily to sustain our spiritual strength. Without it is like suffering a famine. In fact, God uses such an analogy in Amos 8:11 where He promises Israel “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.” ESV

May our God never treat us in such a fashion. Once again, the elders challenge each and every one of you to read God's Word daily. Let us read the entire Bible in 2023.

Starting today, you can follow the plan which will cause you to read through the entire Bible in 365 days and the Psalms twice. We will publish each week's reading plan in the bulletin. Note, there are many reading plans, so feel free to find one that suits your style better. Either way, we encourage you to commit to a plan that will allow you to ingest all of God's Word in 2023.

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We Rejoice In Their Baptism: Karla Sarabia and Arelis Santiago were both baptized last weekend. We rejoice in their decision to follow Christ, and we pray for their growth as new Christians. God is good!

Answered Prayers: Regina Campbell had successful surgery on Wednesday.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Once again, we bid goodbye to Andre and Lisa Symonds; they are returning to Bermuda this week. It has been a joy having them back in White Plains and we look forward to future visits. DeAndre and Kristal will continue to live here and worship with us. Andre and Lisa, we will miss you and we are grateful for your service. May the Lord be with you.
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