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Welcome and News of the Church		Pastor David
Opening Praise	<i>We've A Story</i>	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 55:6—11	In Unison
Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.		
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.		
“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.		
Opening Prayer		Pastor David
Praise	<i>Bless The Lord Create In Me A Clean Heart Jesus Be The Center</i>	
Prayer of Adoration		Susan Coho
We Worship in Giving	<i>We Three Kings</i>	
We Share In God's Peace		
Joys and Concerns - Pastoral Prayer		
Scripture	Matthew 2:1—12	
Message	<i>Follow The Star, Find A Stable</i> Pastor David M. Burgeson	
Communion Liturgy		In Unison
Communion Song	<i>Revelation Song</i>	
† Benediction Song	<i>The Lord Bless Thee</i>	Pastor David
Recessional	<i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	

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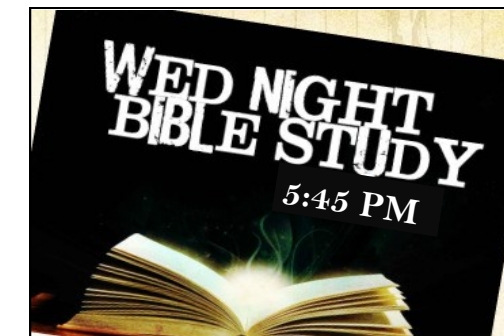


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Welcome and News of the Church

Organ Prelude Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (F. Ritter)

Choral Introit

Call To Worship

* Please rise as you are able in body and/or spirit for our Call to Worship:

One: We are people of God,

Many: Marked by water,

One: Claimed by the Spirit,

Many: Precious and honored in God's sight.

One: We are the body of Christ,

Many: Gathered around the table,

One: Fed by the Bread of Life,

Many: Filled with the cup of joy,

One: Strengthened for the new year.

Many: We are the community of faith,

One: Following God's star,

Many: Bringing our gifts,

One: Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,

Many: And being made new as we travel new roads.

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

† Hymn No. 245 The First Noel

Children's Moment

Carolyn Russell

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time to room 211. Junior & Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

Prayer of Confession

One: Please join me in our Call to Confession:

All: Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we come to you with heavy hearts. We have not always been all that you have called us to be. Too easily we become discouraged. Today, Lord, we need to feel the power of your miraculous ways. We are tired and worn out because of the hurts of this world. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, we need a miracle of power in our lives and in the church.

* Prayer continued on next page

Prayer of Confession (continued)

In the face of war, hunger, poverty and disease, we need a miracle of confidence, courage and enthusiasm. May your steadfast and forgiving love be born in us again in this season of light and life. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear and hopelessness to joy and vision and new life. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, the One of miracles and faith. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Little Drummer Boy* Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving

Prayer for Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Andantino* (E. MacDowell)

✠ **Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer For Illumination

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: Holy God, guide our hearts and minds to all that is true, all that is honorable, all that is just and pure, commendable and excellent. In short, guide us to your Word, and through your Word to life everlasting with you. Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving—Hymnal pages 13—14

We Sing the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

✠ **Hymn No. 254** *We Three Kings*

✠ **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude *The King Shall Come* (E. Broughton)

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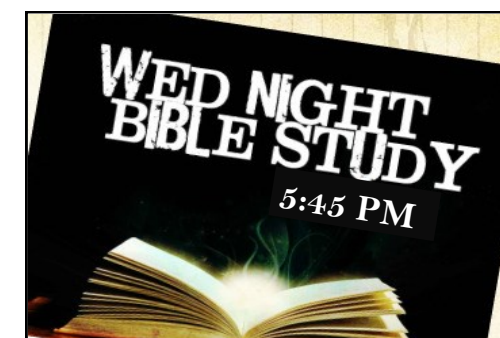


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Lift Up These People In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those who are ill, battling depression, isolation and the loss of loved ones.
- The People's Kitchen needs a serving space that is permanent.
- That we all would reach out to our community; show the love of Christ.
- Those who are fighting cancer and other diseases; for the many who suffer in chronic pain.
- Joel Anderson's friend, Phylis entered eternal life. Pray for the family.
- Cristy and Judy's friend, Kathy, is in ICU on ventilator.
- Gwen Cameron had bypass surgery.
- David McQueen, a single dad, is recovering from alcoholism.
- Barbara Reineke's aunt passed away. Pray for the family of Ruth Frantz in Independence, Missouri.
- Prayers for cousins Nancy, Joan, Janis and their families.
- David Beaman and Family with the passing of Margie's sister, the couple's son, and other recent family difficulties.
- Ann Smith—continues health investigation and thanks the Lord for the journey into a deeper relationship with Him.
- Ayleen Melsheimer—begins clinical trial in Bakersfield. Pray for success.
- Ford family friend—will enter into cancer treatment; brother Jerry who is in the hospital with internal bleeding.
- Lisa whose foot is not healing; friends who are having health issues.
- Kay Walker—granddaughter in Denver and for other friend in need.
- Tina Moore and family—dealing/struggling through the loss of Helen.
- Clark's friend, Doreen, who is approaching her final days. Prayers for Mike as he has to make major decisions in regards to her condition.

Praise God for His Mercy and Goodness!

- A warm welcome to our visiting friends. Welcome home to those who we have not seen for a while. It is good to have you with us!
- May God pour out his blessings on you in 2015.
- Betty Lorenz is grateful for her family and her visiting nephew.
- Mike Albertson—has 20/20 vision after recent cataract surgery.

Continued Prayer: Fenton McClure, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Mike Douglas, Richard & Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Rick Ventura, the Harveys, Lisa Graham, the Mark Moore Family, Cristy Van Hook, Ellie Asprion, Juji Boyle, Tom Egan, Guy Oates and Jim Duffin.

Those In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Madge Young, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious, Jerry Smith, Glen Hughes, Doug Craig, & Doris Leddy.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria; the unrest in the nation.

Cal-Pac Field Missionaries: Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (Mexico).

North District Weekly Prayer Covenant

- Montrose: Hansarang UMC—Jinho Han
- Burbank: First UMC—Wayne Walters & Heather Blackstone

Global Mission Focus for the Week

Continue to keep the global church in prayer. We pray that the Lord continues to move hearts to further His work and find places that need us to be their hands and feet!