

WESTFIELD CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH WORSHIP

JANUARY 5, 2025 TEN O'CLOCK

The congregation is invited to join in on the bold print.

*Please stand, as you are able.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We will begin worship, get our food
and then continue with worship after we've had time to eat*

Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

We thank god for these opportunities for fellowship and service. **Thanks be to God!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day is dawning, a new year about to begin:

God, call us so we may hear your voice.

world turns to hopes and dreams of the future:

God, keep us in your ways and on your path.

enter this new year with hope and excitement:

God, guide us and lead us forward. Amen.

*HYMN

THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
2. **For by the life and death of Je - sus,**
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. **In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble**

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time to re - mem - ber and move on,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to taste and share what love can do.

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time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

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lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.

GRACE

God, we give you thanks this morning for the dawn of a new year. Bless us around these tables as we break bread together and share our hopes and our dreams. Strengthen the ties that bind us together. May the food that we eat nourish our bodies, minds and souls so that we can continue to heed your call to be disciples in the world. Amen.

THE MEAL

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

God of renewal and recreation,
As we observe the turning of the year,
We know that all time is still in You.
While we feel shaped by the sands sifting in the hourglass,
We know that is the molding of your Spirit
that truly brings us into who you have made us to be.
Be with us this day and in all the days ahead.
Give us the resolve to be still.
Grant us the courage to move at your Word.
Gift us the faith to continue on
until all we trust is true becomes visible before us.
Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Through this scripture, God is still speaking!
And we are listening!

REFLECTION

SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons and all who are in need,
Hold your people near, O God.

SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God for these blessings.
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

Bring your gifts in dedication to God.
Bring your hearts filled with love for God's world.
Bring your whole selves, that the Holy Spirit might bless you and bless your gifts.
Our offering will now be collected.

OFFERING

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS WITH THE 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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, Holy God,
may they become signs of love and joy
as we begin the New Year. Amen.

*HYMN

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE
AULD LANG SYNE**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty friend!

And give me a hand o' thine!

And we'll take a right good-will draught,
for auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

**NEEDED:
\$10 GIFT CARDS
TO ALDI, DOLLAR
TREE, DOLLAR
GENERAL,
WALMART, ETC**

**ONE & DONE:
ADULT FAITH
FORMATION
SUNDAY, JAN 12
AT 8:45AM**

**FARMERS'
MARKET AT
WESTFIELD
FIRST/THIRD
SATURDAYS**

**ANNUAL
MEETING FOR
FINANCE
SUNDAY, JAN. 12
10AM AS PART
OF WORSHIP**

**BAKED POTATO BAR
JAN 18, 5-7P
TICKETS ONLINE
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