



*Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

**Please stand as you are able*

September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship.
Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE

"Adagio in E"

Frank Bridge

INTROIT

"Hear Me When I Call"

Richard Shephard

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness.

Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble.

Have mercy upon me, and hearken to my prayer.

Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Amen.

GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God our Father.

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Great is Your faithfulness.

Morning by morning new mercies we see.

All we have needed, Your hands have provided.

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God our Father.

We sing praises to God, for God's great faithfulness.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
(words and music follow next page)

FAITHFULNESS

*THE PEACE *(responsive)*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

O.T. pg. 585

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

James 1:17-27

N.T. pg. 202

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“True Religion”

Rev. Rachael McNeal

Silent meditation on sermon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

(from the Barmen Declaration)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through Him.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*

*Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary,
mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O For A Closer Walk with God"

Charles Villiers Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
And drove Thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.*

39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. At Your word the earth was made and spun on its course. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might.

1. | 2. |
— might. — Heav - en and earth are full, —
Bless - ed is he who comes —

full — of — your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
in the name of the Lord. —

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whom You sent to rescue the world. He came with healing in His touch, and was executed on a cross. But the grave could not contain Him. Your Love is all-conquering. Therefore, because of Your great love, we now offer our silent prayers for the world to You...

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Creator, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

The ushers will invite each pew to come forward. Please proceed from your pew down the center aisle and extend your palms out to receive bread. Please then gently dip your bread into the chalice, consuming the sacrament, and return to your pew using the outside aisle. As you wait to receive the sacrament, and after receiving it, please be in prayer for the world, our church, community, those in need, and yourself.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Melody"

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.*

Translation:

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:

*You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for our sake.
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"
(words and music on next page)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

Anonymous

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Theodore Dubois

**Please stand as you are able*

*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags
in the pews at the conclusion of the service*

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Children's Moment, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Words of Institution, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate: The Peace, Second Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Offering, Prayer of Dedication, The Great Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Lector: Sophia Budd

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

September 1, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Jesus is Born"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K – 4th: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch and Keith Pyles (two classes combined on 9/1 and 9/8)

Youth Sunday School:

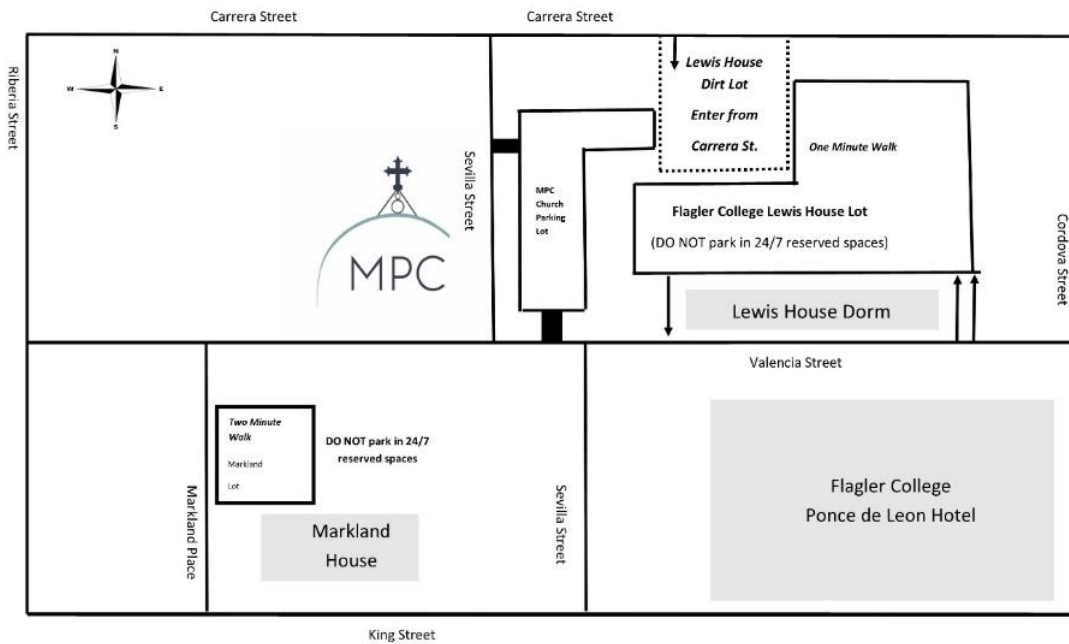
- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Mary the Mother of Jesus"
- 7th/8th: Youth Loft, "The Coming One (Fathom)"
- 9th – 12th: Youth Loft, "The Coming One (Fathom)"

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "Rest and Renewal" with Kyla Salmond, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: Class is cancelled until September 15th
- New Perspectives: All are invited to watch the video "Where Olive Trees Weep" in 2 parts on September 1st and 8th in Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at marccraddock@mac.com. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUBVh4ZFpWTGsyRkV5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots and Markland House lot. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances; the Markland House lot is accessed via Markland Place. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



Dear Friends,

Our church vision statement is: “MPC will embody Jesus’ all-encompassing hospitality.”

One way for us to embody hospitality on Sundays is to be mindful that people coming for our 11:00 a.m. worship service will need space to park.

If you attend 8:30 a.m. worship and/or Sunday School, please plan to depart, if possible, by 10:45 a.m. This would help tremendously to make it easier for others to park for the late service.

Thanks for your understanding and help as we try to be hospitable to all attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Blessings,

Pastor Hunter

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 9-1-24

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Mary Ellen Schwieger to the glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved husband Jack.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, September 1 - 7: Angelina Adams, Alice Barresi, Amy Bowler, Dan Bradley, Jack Busby, Micah Clukey, Sam Cox, Brian Denby, Carla Denby, Jillian Grannis, Nancy Hutton, Rocco Larizza, John McCall, Winslow

McNeal, Jim Morris, Bob Mullen, Scout Nehemias, Lindsey Nix, Pam Ousley, Danny Page, Linda Rausch, Tim Robb, Mike Schillace, Ally Walczak, Tom Zeljko

MPC Children's Choir Starts THIS Wednesday, September 4th: Parents and children, please join us for dinner (pizza, fruit, and dessert—no cost) and an informational meeting for the coming year in choir. Please meet in Lewis Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.; regular rehearsals will begin on September 11th.

Café: On Sundays, September 8, 15 and 22, Café will be fellowship and breakfast only... no lunch will be available.

Dine with Nine: Registration ends today. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners will take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in September and ending in December. Contact Judy Thomas, judyaathomas@gmail.com, 770-906-7619 for more details. You can sign up here <https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineSeptthruDec2024>. Groups are forming now. We hope you will join us! **Please note, you will need to re-register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.**

Homeless Youth: Help Homeless Young people in St. Johns County. There are over 600 young people experiencing homelessness in our school district. Pick up a bag made by Sew and Sow from our youth in the Fellowship Hall today, before and after service. Fill it with the list of hygiene items provided and return on September 22nd. Thank you!

Ukrik College-Aged Ministry – 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays: Every Wednesday throughout the semester, our College Group (Ukirk) meets as a small group at 4:00 p.m. followed by a free dinner at 5:15 p.m. Find us in the Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor (through the big white door off of the courtyard). We'd love to have you join us! Mary Scine can answer your questions and give you more details @ 410-271-4363 -or- text "@mpccolle" to #81010 to receive reminders and information.

FEAST Begins Wednesday, September 11th: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well. On September 11th we will have Chick-fil-A sandwiches, salad and a sweet treat.

"A Life Well Lived" Three-Week FEAST Series Starts on September 11th: How should we spend the time we have in this life? What activities should we pursue? What relationships should we cultivate? What sort of person should we endeavor to become? In short, what makes for a life well lived? In this course, we explore questions like these through close reading and discussion of texts from a variety of philosophical, religious, and literary perspectives. Please join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 18, and 25 for this special Wednesday night series with Rev. Dr. Justin Forbes, Professor of Religion, and Dr. Justin Capes, Professor of Philosophy, at Flagler College. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. in Lewis Fellowship Hall prior to the program! Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be served on September 11th and Smokin D's Barbeque on September 18th. \$7/adult and \$4/child.

GriefShare: GriefShare will be held on Thursdays, starting on September 12th from 10:30 - 12:30 in Lewis Fellowship Hall. "Coming to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering." YOU ARE NOT ALONE. This class will meet weekly through December 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Amy Camp, amycamp@memorialpcusa.org.

APEX Family Beach Gathering: Families, bring your kids and teenagers and gather on **Sunday, September 22nd, at Butler Beach from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Look for the teal blue beach tent. Beth Masters of Salty Sistahs will be there to give surf lessons! Park at Frank Butler County parking lot OR drive on using the Mary Street ramp. We'll be just south of the boardwalk from the parking lot. Bring your beach gear, snacks, and drinks. Publix subs will be provided.

Kirkin of the Tartans - Scottish Heritage Sunday: Presbyterians originated in Scotland and we will commemorate this by having a Scottish Heritage Sunday service on September 29th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a presentation of tartans, roll call of the clans and even a bagpiper! If you would like to carry a tartan please contact Louise Osborn at Leo.of.oz72@gmail.com.

An Evening with Zoughbi Zoughbi: Please join us for an evening with our International Peacemaker, Zoughbi Zoughbi, the founder and director of the Palestinian Conflict Transformation Centre in Bethlehem. Our evening will begin with an authentic Palestinian dinner followed by his presentation. When: Friday, September 27, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Where: Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lewis Fellowship Hall, 32 Sevilla Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084; Cost: \$10.00 per adult (18 and older). Please tell us how many children will attend and their ages.

- Pizza provided free for children
- Nursery Provided for young children
- Activities during presentation provided for school-aged children

Important, to register for this event, please go here <https://bit.ly/AnEveningWithZoughbiZoughbi> and enter your email to get started. Then choose "Continue as Guest" and follow directions. To add additional adults to your registration, select "+ Add Another Registrant".

Lunch and Learn with Zoughbi Zoughbi: Please join us for a lunch and learn with our International Peacemaker, Zoughbi Zoughbi, the founder and director of the Palestinian Conflict Transformation Centre in Bethlehem. When: Sunday, September 29, 2024, 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.; Where: Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lewis Fellowship Hall, 32 Sevilla Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084; Cost: \$10.00 per person. To register for this event, please go here <https://bit.ly/LunchLearnZoughbiZoughbi>.

PDS Annual Fall Festival: On Sunday, October 6th, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PDS will have our annual fall festival with all sorts of fun activities for the entire family. We are in need of volunteers to staff our activity booths. We are also in need of baked goods for our bake sale. If you're interested in volunteering or baking goodies for PDS please reach out to Beth Richards at 904-669-1346 or email at brichards@memorialpcusa.org.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krisings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee jreffel@valdosta.edu or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: tom@eyerly.org. Visit this website for more information: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; *Encompass:* Betsy Haynes;
Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith and Bette Upchurch
Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 9-1-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 – 3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Food Bank Collection – Lewis Fellowship Hall Worship Service Sunday School (Dr. Proctor’s Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Sanctuary Open for Tours Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 9-2-24		Labor Day – MPC Campus Closed
Tues. 9-3-24	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Chapel Christ, Conversation & Connection - Zoom
Wed. 9-4-24	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ukirk – LFH Parlor Worship & Music Meeting – Room 205 Children’s Choir Parent Meeting - LFH Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 9-5-24	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Sew & Sow – Upper Landing Stewardship Meeting – Office Parlor St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal - LFH
Fri. 9-6-24	11:00 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 9-7-24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



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ON**

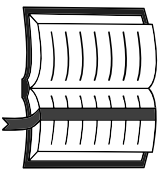


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FOLLOW the PATH

What does the kind of leader who follows God love?
Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what's spelled out below. Hint: this word also means fairness and goodness.

start **F**airness end

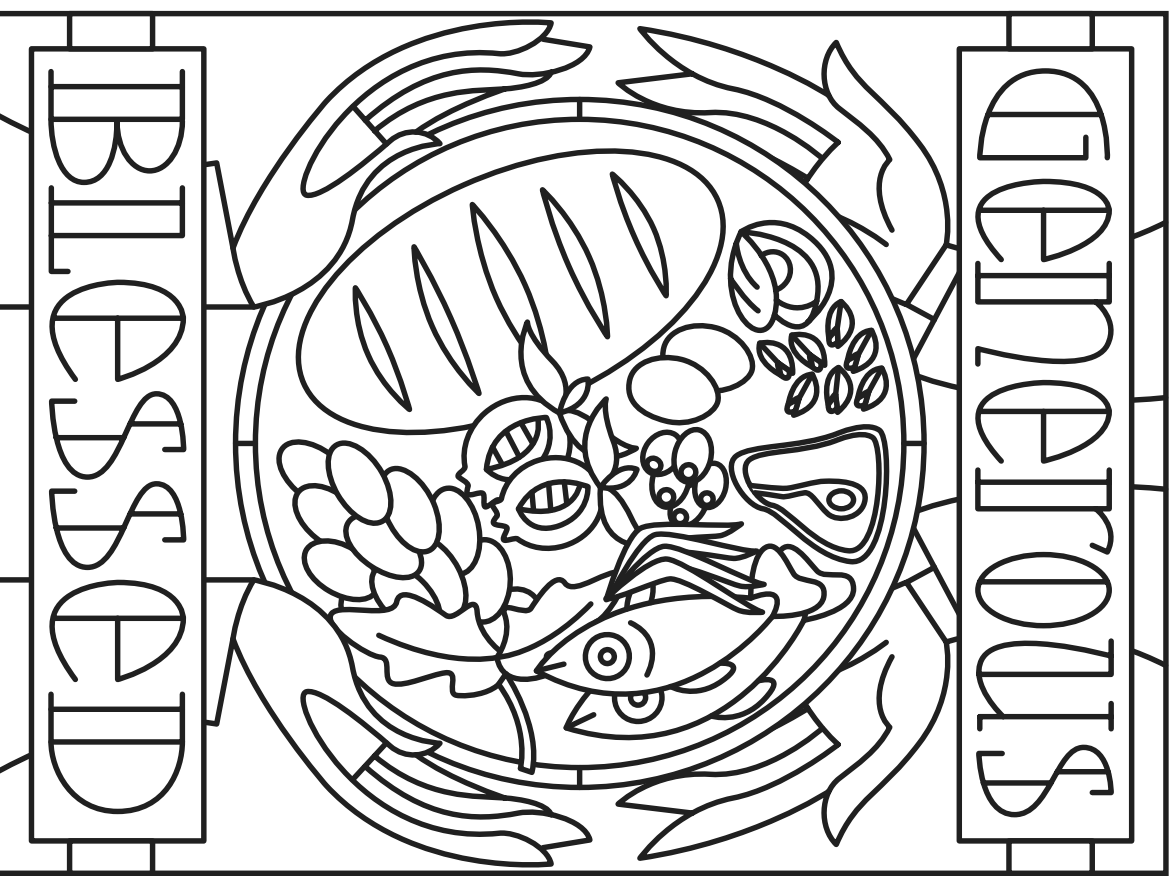


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.





DRAW IT

In Mark 7, Jesus describes how it's not what's on the outside of us that's important, but what's inside – our hearts. What we hold in our heart – the feelings and thoughts and choices – is what really matters to God. Draw a picture of your heart. Inside the heart, write or draw things that you think would make God happy. For example, thinking of others instead of yourself, talking to God, sharing, or whatever you think of!

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from James 1:17-27 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

R P D P E R F E C T O E N D G
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| PERFECT | SPEAK | DOER |
| FATHER | SLOW | MIRROR |
| LIGHTS | ANGER | PERSEVERE |
| TRUTH | GOD | BLESSED |