

WELCOME

November 20, 2022

We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us today! Our hope and prayer is that you feel seen, known and loved as we worship our great God together.

FOR CHILDREN

We have pre-school ministry in both services and elementary programming during our contemporary service. If you prefer, children are welcome in our services and sermon activity bags are available to help keep your child engaged. Feel free to request one from an usher.

FOR STUDENTS

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to Student Equip held at 10am. This teaching time prepares students to go out and multiply disciples.

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Gary Hylander
Senior Pastor

Jon MacDonald
Pastor of Family Life/Discipleship

Aaron Brown
Pastor of Worship/Technology

Robert Lee
Pastor of Student Ministries

Cora Mason
Coordinator of Children's Ministries

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, NOV 23, 6:30PM

This service is an annual favorite, perfect for the whole family.

The evening will focus on expressions of thanks to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness. We will lift our voices in praise and worship, pray with and for one another and hear testimonies of how God is working in the hearts and lives of our congregation.

An offering for Love in Action will be received.



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:20am Prayer Gathering
10:00am Equip
4:30pm Christmas Choir
Concert Rehearsal

MONDAY

7:00pm Deacon Board

TUESDAY

9:30am GriefShare
6:00pm Prayer Gathering
6:30pm Young Adults

WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Prayer-Zoom
9:30am Men's Study
9:30am Women's Study
10:30am Faith Community
Nursing Office Hrs
6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve
Service

THURSDAY

6:30pm GriefShare

SATURDAY

3:00pm Worship Team

NEWS & EVENTS

PRAYER GATHERING

Unite with us in prayer today, 9:20-9:50am in Café 19.

EQUIP, 10AM

Join us as Dr. Walter Kaiser continues his 6-week study titled, The Jesus I Know, Yeshua the Messiah. Equip is held at the Lakeshore Community Health Center, 1721 Saemann Ave.

JOY WEEK, NOVEMBER 20-27

TODAY begins "Joy Week." An opportunity to give above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings to help pay for Phase 2 expenses and push off the need for financing.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE, NOV 30, 8AM-12PM

The Mobile Blood Center will be parked in the East Lot for the event. Register on the church website or in the office.

PAUSE & PONDER, DEC 2, 6:30PM

Women's Ministries hosts this cozy, quiet, joy-filled evening in celebration of Jesus, our Emmanuel. Women are invited to join us as we step away from holiday to-do lists and prepare our hearts for the Advent season.

FAMILY ADVENT GUIDES

Devotions and discussion questions help connect Scripture to daily life as you read through the Christmas story together. Copies are available on the Welcome Counters.

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are getting ready to print the directory. If you have updated contact information or if you are newer to our fellowship and would like to be included please contact the church office by December 12.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you received offering envelopes in 2022, you will automatically receive them for next year. Any changes for 2023, please call the office.

Congratulations to Damon and Johanna W. on the birth of their son.

Get connected.

Ask for prayer.



To give, please visit:
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GATES OF THANKSGIVING
Psalm 100

Psalm 100 is the fitting conclusion to a collection of nine Psalms (Pss 92-100) which stress the truth that the *LORD is King* (Yahweh Malak). We have observed that these psalms are based upon 1 Chronicles 16, which describes the moment when the LORD's throne was established in Jerusalem, as the ark of the covenant was brought into the city. Note in particular David's song of thanksgiving in 1 Chronicles 16:8-36!

Psalm 100 is the classic psalm of thanksgiving. It is a summons for humankind to give praise to the LORD. When we connect verses 1 and 5, we realize that this psalm is addressed to *all the earth* and applies to *all generations*. Furthermore, when we connect verses 1-3 with verse 5, we can see that our focus in matters of thanksgiving is to be upon the LORD. So, as we approach Thanksgiving Day, let's use this psalm as a means to prepare our hearts for the national holiday to be celebrated later this week.