

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer After Communion:

***Celebration Song:** "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #536 BB

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #368 AA

*Please stand if you are able. **Worshippers may enter or exit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR CHURCH FAMILY!!!!

-Thank you Church Family and Friends for your donations to our 2024 Campaigns.

Let's not forget our sick and shut-ins: visits, calls and cards.

-Congratulations "Pastor Gary Blackmon who was elected as the 2025 Moderator of the Presbytery."

-Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting, January 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

-Visitors, thank you for choosing to worship with us today. To all, stay safe and may God Bless!!!

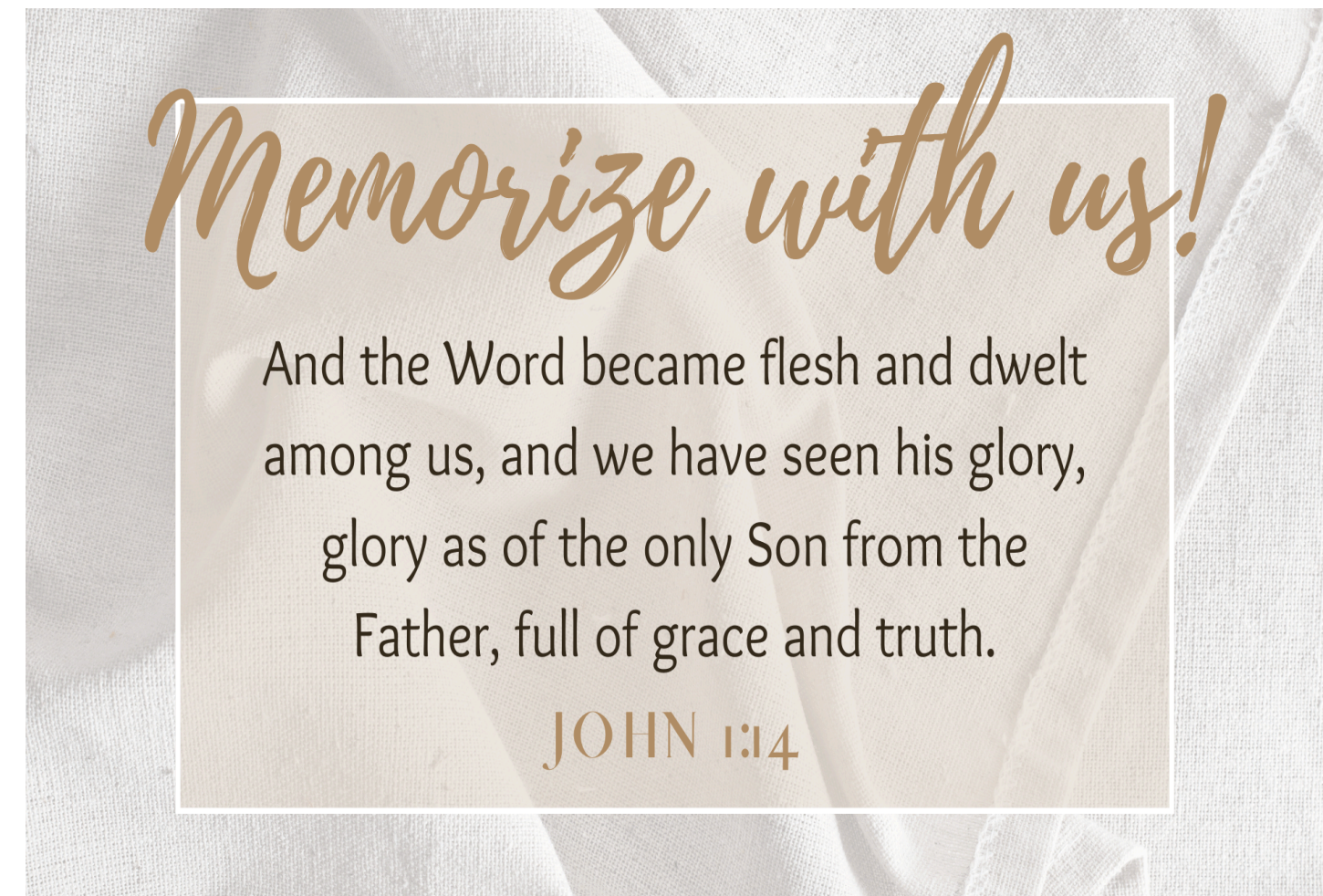
-Word Search, Crossword, and Sudoku Number Game Books drive was extended to 1-26-25.

Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)

BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

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Quote: John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

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We Gather

****Prelude:** *"The Master Hath Come"*

****Announcements and Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** *"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"*

***Call to Worship:**

L: Come, let us praise our God and Creator,

P: who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

L: Come, let us praise Christ our savior,

P: who has redeemed us by the riches of God's grace.

L: Come, let us praise the Spirit,

P: who marks us as beloved heirs of God.

L: Come with wisdom and understanding;

P: let us hope in Christ together and praise God forever. Amen.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

#540 AA

Prayer of Confession: (Unison):

Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic.
We trade your goodness for ashes. We trade your peace for control.
We trade your promise for certainty. Gather us to you and return us to your
abundant mercy; may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls.

Assurance of Pardon:

The light of all life and the breath of all creation claims you, calling you **"good"** from the very
beginning, very good. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Passing the Peace:**

****Special Selection:** *"A New Year's Wish"*

The Word

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

O God, through your mighty acts we receive grace upon grace. From your fullness, feed us with
your life-giving Word, that our lives, like bread, may feed a hungry world. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon Reading:

John 1: 1-14

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: *"I Want to be a Follower of Christ"*

Prayers of the People:

Choral Response: *"Almighty Father, hear our prayer and bless all souls that wait before Thee. Amen"*

Affirmation of Faith (Unison):

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings:

***Doxology:** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#592 BB

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

***Celebration Song:** *"Lord, Make Us More Holy"*

#536 BB

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

#686 AA

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

