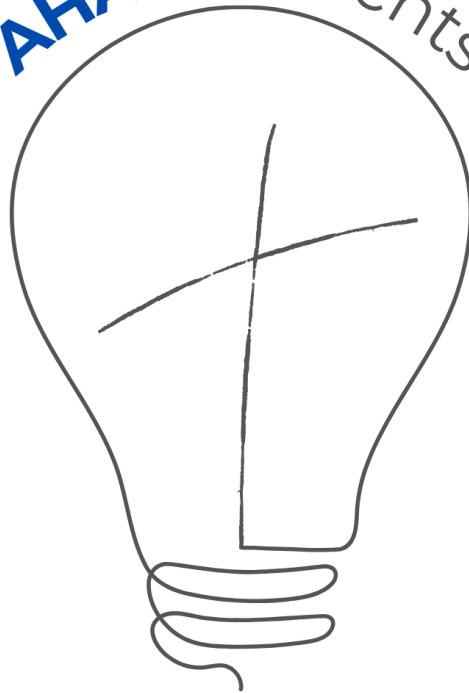


AHA! Moments



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MESSIAH

AHA! MOMENTS:

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"Aha!" when something perplexing finally clicks, we say, "Aha!" If something was hidden and we find it, we exclaim, "Aha!" We have lots of little aha moments in life, but the greatest moments come when God reveals truth. Without him we would be left guessing on life's biggest questions. But thank God, he hasn't left us in the dark; he has revealed himself through Jesus Christ. In the weeks ahead, we'll recall the words and works of Jesus from his earthly ministry that reveal key truths.

Today, we follow wisemen to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. In our human wisdom (which is really foolishness) we would have never looked in the right place to find our Savior. In our foolishness we have looked elsewhere and have "worshipped" other things. But God reveals true wisdom to believe that Jesus is our Savior. This aha moment leads confess as wisemen once did, "We have come to worship him!"

Welcome to Messiah

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

Kids' Church. Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids' Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at the Family Ministry Center. They'll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

Quiet room. Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

Ushers are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.



Connect with us!

We invite everyone to fill a connection card. Scan the code above or sign the guestbook in the lobby.

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him!”

—Matthew 2:2

Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening (8:30 a.m.)

CW 631

- 1 Speak, O Savior, I am list'ning,
as a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor
to your holy, precious Word,
that each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
and my heart's most precious treasure.
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near you
and to listen to your voice;
let me ever love and fear you,
let your Word still be my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
flee in terror at your Word;
but to all who feel sin's burden
you give peace and words of pardon.
- 3 Lord, your words are waters living
where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
on your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
thro' death's cold and dreary night;
yes, they are my sword prevailing
and my cup of joy unfailing.
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
from my heart glad anthems raise,
till my highest praise is given
in the endless joy of heaven.

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Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (10:30 a.m.)

1. Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven
2. Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the Invincible
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Gloria! Gloria!
Gloria! Gloria!

3. Go, spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory, shining for all to see
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus

Gloria! Gloria!
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Prayer

The Word

First Reading

1 Kings 10:1–9

¹When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. ²Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

⁶She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

An African queen visits Israel to test the wisdom of King Solomon. The result of her visit: she ends up praising the LORD for his love. The gift of God is for all people.

Second Reading

Acts 13:46–49

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“ I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

The focus of St. Paul’s ministry would be to share the gift of eternal life with the Gentiles.

As with Gladness Men of Old (8:30 a.m.)

CW 372

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing
alleluias to our King!

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Joy Has Dawned (10:30 a.m.)

CW 352

- 1 Joy has dawned upon the world,
promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.
- 2 Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels
as the mighty Prince of life
shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast,
vuln'erable and helpless.
- 3 Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands
prophesy the story:
gold—a king is born today;
incense—God is with us;
myrrh—his death will make a way,
and by his blood he'll win us.
- 4 Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,
given as a ransom;
reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of hist'ry.

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We have come to worship him!

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Offering

We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah’s mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.

Prayer and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Give online.

*If you are
interested in
giving an offering*

The Lord's Supper

Confession and Forgiveness

As we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, God instructs us to examine ourselves. Therefore, we confess our sins and hear our Savior's words of forgiveness.

Gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior of all people. The light of his salvation scatters the darkness of sin and gives forgiveness and new life. Take heart, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Distribution

The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.

Peace Came to Earth (10:30 a.m.)

CW 330

Sung during communion

- 1 Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
when angels clove the sky with song and light
and God embodied love and sheathed his might—
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could but sing: Immanuel!
- 2 And who could be the same for having held
the infant in their arms and later felt
the wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!
Who could but shout: Immanuel!
- 3 You show the Father none has ever seen,
in flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain,
in bread and wine you visit us again—
Who could but see: Immanuel!
Who could but thrill: Immanuel!
- 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!
How else could I have loved you, O my God!
How else could I embrace you, O my God!
Who could but pray: Immanuel!
Who could but praise: Immanuel!

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (8:30 a.m.) CW 617

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Across the Lands (10:30 a.m.)

CW 549

- 1 You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice! **(Refrain)**

Refrain

***You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

- 2 Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea,
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free! **(Refrain)**

- 3 With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home! **(Refrain)**

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LOOKING AHEAD

January 07	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
January 08	Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
January 13	Ministry Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
January 14	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
	Admin Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.
	English Classes.....	6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Afternoon Bible Study on Revelation

Afternoon Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 7, at 1:30 p.m. Join us as we study the book of Revelation. Afternoon Bible study will meet Tuesdays at 1:30 throughout the year. The smaller group allows for deeper discussion as we dig into God's Word together.

English Classes Resume

A new session of English classes will begin Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to all who helped make our first session of English classes a success! Current students are eager for another session and new registrations have already come in for our next session. If you would like to volunteer for this upcoming session, please speak with Pastor Gran or contact Kelly Heuer (kellyjheuer@gmail.com).

"Christian, Who Are You?" Additional Sunday Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, January 19, we will offer an additional adult Bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Mark Cares will lead a four-week study based on his new book "Christian, Who Are You? Your Amazing God-Given Identity." The class will be held in the education wing, classroom 9. There will also be adult Bible study in the fellowship hall as usual.



MESSIAH

Our Mission

Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.

Our Core Values

Servant Heart. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

A Caring Community. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

Anchored in the Word. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

Adaptable. *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*

Outreach Focused. *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church