

01.14.2024

**Welcome** to you and your family! We are glad you've joined us this morning. The service can also be viewed in the fellowship hall and nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left). Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship.

**Congregational Survey** -- Adults, join Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall today after worship for an evaluation and pre-planning session. Your input is helpful.

**Winter Small Groups** are gearing up now. See the handout and consider joining one of our winter small group Bible studies. You'll be glad you did!

**2024 Night to Shine** -- Volunteer training will be today at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at Hope Church, 200 North Fremont in Coldwater. See Amy Lenczkowski or Jennie deAraujo with any questions. If you wish to donate to Night to Shine, there are envelopes in the lobby.

**MINNET meeting** -- Next Sunday, January 21, following worship service.

**2024 Personal Worksheets** are available in the lobby. Pick up one after the service and take some time to contemplate God's direction for your life in this coming year.

**In Case of Inclement Weather** -- Worship service will be available on Facebook or YouTube at 9:30 a.m. Pastors Jim and Dave will normally be at church for those who want to brave the weather and venture out. *Please remember those with mobility issues and leave the parking spaces closest to the entry doors open.*

#### Financial Update:

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| December collections (regular)         | \$45,349.57 |
| December average attendance (in house) | 125         |
| (online)                               | 183         |



**Peace-today.com**-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.

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Live the Life  
Extend the Kingdom*

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**Call to Worship:** Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

**Announcements and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Worship:** God So Loved  
My Savior My God  
Yes Lord, Yes (chorus)  
Revelation Song

**Special Music:** Trust In God

**Night to Shine** Amy Lonczkowski

**Jacob: A Model of Restoration and Renewal**

Behold, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up. Don't you perceive it?  
([Isaiah 43:19](#))

I. "The Blessing of Abraham" ([Genesis 28:4](#))

\*([Genesis 12:1-3](#)) The Abrahamic Covenant

1. A Name 2. A Land 3. A Nation 4. Blessings

\*Reiterated to Isaac ([Genesis 26:1-6](#))

\*Current Israeli/Palestinian Conflict ([Psalm 83](#))

II. Jacob: A Personal Encounter With God ([Genesis 28:10-19](#))

\*Dreams and visions ([Joel 2:28-29](#))

\*The promises of God ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#))

\*Awe and wonder! ([Psalm 66:3](#))

III. Jacob's Response ([Genesis 28:20-22](#))

\*A conditional commitment ... "If"

\* Why serve God? ([Job 1:8-11](#))

*"How long will you waiver between opinions?*

*If the Lord is God, serve him; but if Baal is God, serve him."* ([1 Kings 18:21](#))

Application

1. Under what conditions would you agree to serve God as Lord of your life?
2. Has God ever spoken to you in a dream or a vision?
3. What do you assume "God bless you" means?

([Numbers 6:22-26](#))

**Closing Song:** The Blessing

# Prayer Concerns

Recent additions

Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia  
Wanda Debolt - in hospice care  
Flo Cabrera's brother, Lalo -- stage 4 stomach cancer

Praises

Andrew and Jennifer Labadie's new son, Hudson Ray.  
Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new daughter, Olivia Rose.

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain  
The Carpenter Family  
Lisa Franks -- pain management  
Dale Davis -- dialysis

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels  
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

Our Mission

*"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord,  
study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people.  
When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives  
to a needy world."*