

January 1, 2022

Join us Every Sunday!

9am

Adult & Children's
Sunday School

10:00 am

Worship



First Word

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

New Annual Meeting Format for Conversation

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A few years ago, we spent months debating how we should arrange the chancel area of the Sanctuary. Where should we put the pulpit, the lectern, the Communion table, and the piano? After much hand-wringing and ideas that almost worked, a light shone forth from the clouds! One of our church members told me just how it should look, and he was right. Someone outside of the church leadership hierarchy knew what we needed to do, and when it was shared we all agreed. That's the arrangement we still have to this day.

I feel like we have reached a point where we need to hear more thoughts, ideas, dreams, visions, and – yes – concerns from the congregation. If we can gather around our common bond in Christ, focus our prayers around our hopes and dreams for this church, and speak the truth in love, I believe we can harness the wisdom of this congregation.

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday January 30 after church in Ficklin Hall. We are still working on the details, but we are planning to have church leaders spread among the tables to provide an opportunity for everyone to speak and hear and ask questions. I hope you will start thinking and praying now so that we can harness the wisdom and faithfulness of the people of First Presbyterian Church of Littleton.

In Christ's Service Together,
Pastor Cody

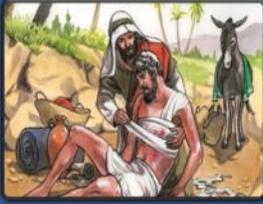
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WHAT: FPCL DIGITAL BIBLE STORY SCAVENGER HUNT

PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

[LUKE 10:25-37]



WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 AT 11:00AM

WHERE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-LITTLETON

Digital Biblical Scavenger Hunt

FPCL would like to invite the children to join us in a digital Biblical Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 11:00AM** at First Presbyterian Church-Littleton! Come explore the timeless Biblical lesson of the Parable of the Good Samaritan with the townsfolk of West Biblerosa! For more details, let's hear from one of West Biblerosa's finest, Wyatt, below!

West Biblerosa

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Most people call it the Parable of the Good Samaritan, but here in West Biblerosa, we call it The True Neighbor.

But here in West Biblerosa, we don't just TELL stories. We ACT them out by finding special codes hidden throughout the church. This is like a story and a scavenger hunt all wrapped up together! These special codes are hidden around the church. Once you scan the right code, someone from our fair town will tell you their part of the story and then send you on your way to find the next special code.

We hope to see you here in West Biblerosa!

A Minute for Stewardship—Thanks

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving...” – 1 Timothy 4:4 (ESV)

FPCL family and friends,

We were blessed in 2021 by the generosity of this congregation in so many ways! On November 14th we celebrated this good fortune and pledged our time, talent, and treasure to the ministry of FPCL in 2022. This month we'd like to remind you of just a few ways this church put their spiritual gifts into action and extend a huge “Thank You” to all.

First off, this year really demonstrated the strength of our talented staff. In the winter and spring months, as Cody prepared for a long-deserved sabbatical, volunteers stepped up to lead our personnel committee as they planned with Pastor Carol to schedule a summer of worship and ministry programs. Our leaders in music and worship, Mary and Karen, worked hard and brought creative talent and variety to enrich our worship and special events. These efforts resulted in a strong summer program and positioned the church well to welcome Cody back in the fall to an active ministry. Elinor and Joan were the glue that kept everything together as the church office hours expanded and everyone needed their guidance on our facilities and finance. And finally, our children's ministry moved forward as we celebrated Kate's contributions and welcomed our new staff member, Melissa.

But what would 2021 have been without the strong support of our volunteers? This year more than ever, we relied on members in every ministry program to keep things moving forward. From personnel to youth ministry to finance and children's ministry, we could not have done everything this year without these blessed volunteers. Not only were the core programs maintained, but this church continued to offer traditional ministry programs such as a fantastic vacation bible school, Western Welcome Week events, youth sponsored food drive, and Whiz Kidz tutoring just to name a few. Finally, what many people may not realize, is that we had dedicated volunteers on Finance reviewing our service contracts, investments, banking policies, and utilities to ensure that our expenses were minimized, and income was maximized!

During all this activity, we also welcomed new members, celebrated the lives of members who have passed, and stayed connected through in person and virtual events. It's hard to predict what 2022 will bring, but we know that this congregation will continue to move forward with the strength and support of it's members and our celebration on Stewardship Sunday showed us that we are ready to take on the challenges and celebrate the success that this church and the community will bring.

Thanks again to everyone that helped make 2021 a success! We look forward to seeing and working with all of you this year – see you in church!

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!!

This calendar year has been unusual -- Zooming Jan thru April, meeting in person Oct, till now.

Thanks to your generosity "monetary donations, recycling cans, sharing your time and talents, thoughts and prayers "

We have been able to: have Parties, serve good snacks, support families, give out Bibles, Thank our tutors with a Birthday Gift Card, purchase Birthday Books for each Student, have a Giving Tree last year and this, give out Caps and Mittens last year and this, give each student a Quilt at the end of last year, and on and on. Hedy L & Karen E were our door monitoring volunteers.

YOU ARE THE BEST!! YOU ARE WHAT KEEPS THIS PROGRAM GOING!! AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

THANK YOU, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, AND WISHES FOR A SAFE, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!

Our Elementary Students meet Thursday from 4-5:50, Middle School meets Thursday from 4:40-6:00 -- you are always welcome to stop by, say hello and meet our Wonderful Students and Tutors.

**BLESSINGS,
ROBERTA AND OUR WHIZ KIDS FAMILY**



Thanksgiving Review 2021



We delivered over 230 meals in our community with the help of over an astounding 90 volunteers and donors. We were also able to send a couple dozen hot meals, and a nice amount of yummy leftovers to the shelter that Central Presbyterian Church runs downtown, thanks to Pat and Bill Shaffer. Thanks to chef Daniel Kurtz and his early rising crew, and the good people at Meals on Wheels for allowing us to use their facility again this year. Thanks so much for all the support. Another amazing Thanksgiving, made possible through the generous contributions of time, talent and treasure from the congregation of FPCL.

Minute for Mission

The Mission Committee would like to thank you again for all the support you have given to the mission projects this year. It has been incredible! We have such a loving and giving church. We finished the year by donating to Pastor Cody, Blakely Winslow, Habitat for Humanity and Cross Cultural Covenant Community.

Prayer List

Jan Kohler	Donna Farris	Jon Heggie	Gloria Pool
Joyce Fuller	Rollie Fuller	Kent Griffith	Joy Carreño
Lonna Williams	Joan Cook		
Deb Graham and Family upon the death of Tim Graham			

In Service to Our Country

Major Ricky Casburn; Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii; Brett Wilson; Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Jordan; Bobby Johannsen; Connor McDaniel, Army; LCDR. Per Rychecky, Whidbey Island; Donnie Donahue, Marines; Nathaniel Syron; Cpl. Isaiah Boehm, Ft. Carson CO; Jeremy Colwell; C2C Cameryn McKinnell, USAFA; MAJ Wm McKinnell USAF Pentagon

Missions

Jory & Mallory Bayne, Metro Denver, Presbytery of Zimbabwe, Cross Cultural Community, South Asia Mission, Jeffco Action Center, Highline Place, Love, INC

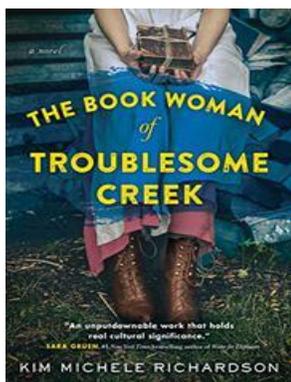


Financial Update

	November 2021		Year to Date 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$28,506.67	\$28,780.00	\$ 364,835.28	\$372,570.00
Expenses	\$41,160.49	\$39,064.67	\$ 390,526.24	\$400,220.60
Operating Surplus	(\$12,653.82)	(\$10,284.67)	\$ (25,690.96)	\$(27,650.60)
Business Interruption Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 71,511.73	\$ 9,728.00
Net Surplus	(\$12,653.82)	(\$10,284.67)	\$ 45,820.77	\$(17,922.60)

As we look ahead to 2022, we are thankful for all of the blessings that we received in 2021. The Employee Retention Credit assistance has allowed us to continue to pay our staff their salaries for the entire year. We were able to add a temporary facility manager position to take care of our aging building. Our mission committee has been able to help many local and global missions financially with your pledged support. Other missions like the Giving Tree and Christmas Child were funded through individual donations and will brighten Christmas

FPCL Afternoon Book Club



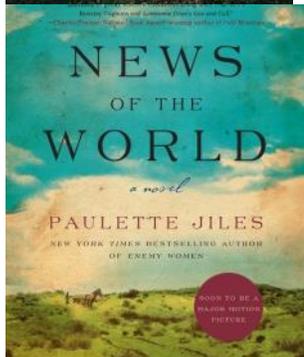
You are invited to join the afternoon book club that meets at **1:00pm** on the 2nd **Thursday** of each month in Ayers' Parlor. We are a small group that reads a variety of books for fun and to learn. Our love of reading brings us together and the connections we have formed keep us looking forward to our meeting each month. Come join us!

Here's what we are reading and discussing in the next couple months:

January 13, 2022: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson (historical fiction)

February 10, 2022: *News of the World* - by Paulette Jiles (novel)

You can contact Janice Fagan at JLFagan69@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Family Christmas Fun!

As we welcomed our first snowfall and significant temperature drops in Colorado last Friday, December 10, 2021, seven Children's Ministry families joined together for a festive evening of fun and fellowship at *Hudson Gardens: Extravaganza of Lights*. Even though it was a cold evening, that didn't stop our families from bundling up and enjoying some good old-fashioned Christmas light exploration together accompanied by some traditional Christmas music. This evening gave families the opportunity to connect with other FPCL families and enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Perhaps amidst all the lights were subtle reminders and quiet reflections of the one true light of the world—Jesus Christ our Savior. May all the opportunities that we have to meet, open the door for Christ's light to shine through and renew our minds to the tremendous gift that has been given through His birth!



Calendar of Activities

Mondays: Peacemakers Quilters: Every Monday from 9am to 2pm in the basement multipurpose room.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Bi-Weekly - Mondays, 7-8 am. Contact Scott at scott@franklincourtpartners.com.

Men's Evening Bible Study: Bi-Weekly on Mondays. Next meeting January 10 6:30-8pm— 4th Floor

Wed: Chancel Choir Practice 4th floor— at 7pm. Practice resumes Jan 5.

Thurs: Open Door Circle, 10:30 am. Meets on the 3rd Thurs. 4th Floor

Come Join Us for Adult Sunday school!

Led by Pastor Cody Sandahl

Life Journal Bible Study: A weekly discussion on scripture passages from the Life Journal reading plan. Here are the dates for the rest of 2021. You don't have to have been at ANY other previous weeks to join in!

January 9: Discussion of *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton

January 16: Life Journal Bible Study

January 23: Life Journal Bible Study

January 30: Life Journal Bible Study

When: Sunday mornings 9:00am-9:45am

Where: Ficklin Hall

What to bring: your Bible (optional) and your heart and mind prepared to hear and discuss God's word!

The nursery is open 8:45 to 11:15, and Children's Sunday school is also held Sunday mornings 9:00am-9:45am.
No Children's Sunday School January 2.

What does Happy New Year mean to you?

It has been a very challenging last twenty-one months. We went from gathering to not seeing each other in person for about a year. But I feel that helped us all to never ever take “being together” for granted. I pray in this New Year, we can all take time to “be still and listen” and hear what He wants for us. What His vision is for us! May we begin the new year thinking about what we can do for First Pres! In putting His wishes first, I believe we shall all have what “we want” and what we need!

Blessings to all — Dee Getzinger

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Ushers/Greeter – To volunteer as an usher sign up in Chandler Hall or sign-up at Littletonpresbyterian.org/worship-participants. If signing up on our website please do it before Thursdays.



Flowers - Look for the Flower Sign-up Chart in Chandler Hall. You may order flowers from your favorite florist, pick some up from the grocery store or bring them from your garden!



Reader - Give the Prayer for Illumination and read the first Scripture during worship services. Sign up in Chandler Hall. If you are interested, but haven't done it before contact Pastor Carol Parsons.

January 9: Congregational Meeting to Elect, ordain, and Install Elders and Deacons after worship in the Sanctuary.

A Prayer for the New Year

Let's end this year with a thankful heart and start the new year with peace and faith. Let us release the bitterness and frustrations of the past year. Let us move into the next year knowing that God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's pray that the new year will be focused on healing ourselves through repentance and the renewing of our minds. We were not meant to do life alone! We can bring the light of hope into our own heart, home, and world.

From, *Christianity Today*.

Elders

Christi Kamath, Clerk of Session	Sue Chandler	Bob Chapman
Bill Frear	Lynda Kizer	Mary Lareau
Michaela Wilson	David LeMay	Trey McDowell
Rick Wilson, Presbytery Commissioner	Kathy McDaniel, Presbytery Commissioner	

Deacons

Kathy McDaniel Becky Gibson Cheryl Baughman Joy Carreno John Wilson

Stewards

Julie Johnston Marilyn Osterhoff Barb Smart Blakeley Winslow

Interested in Joining FPCL?

If you are considering joining First Presbyterian Church or would just like to know more about it, contact Pastor Cody Sandahl at 303-798-1389 ext.104.

Staff Directory

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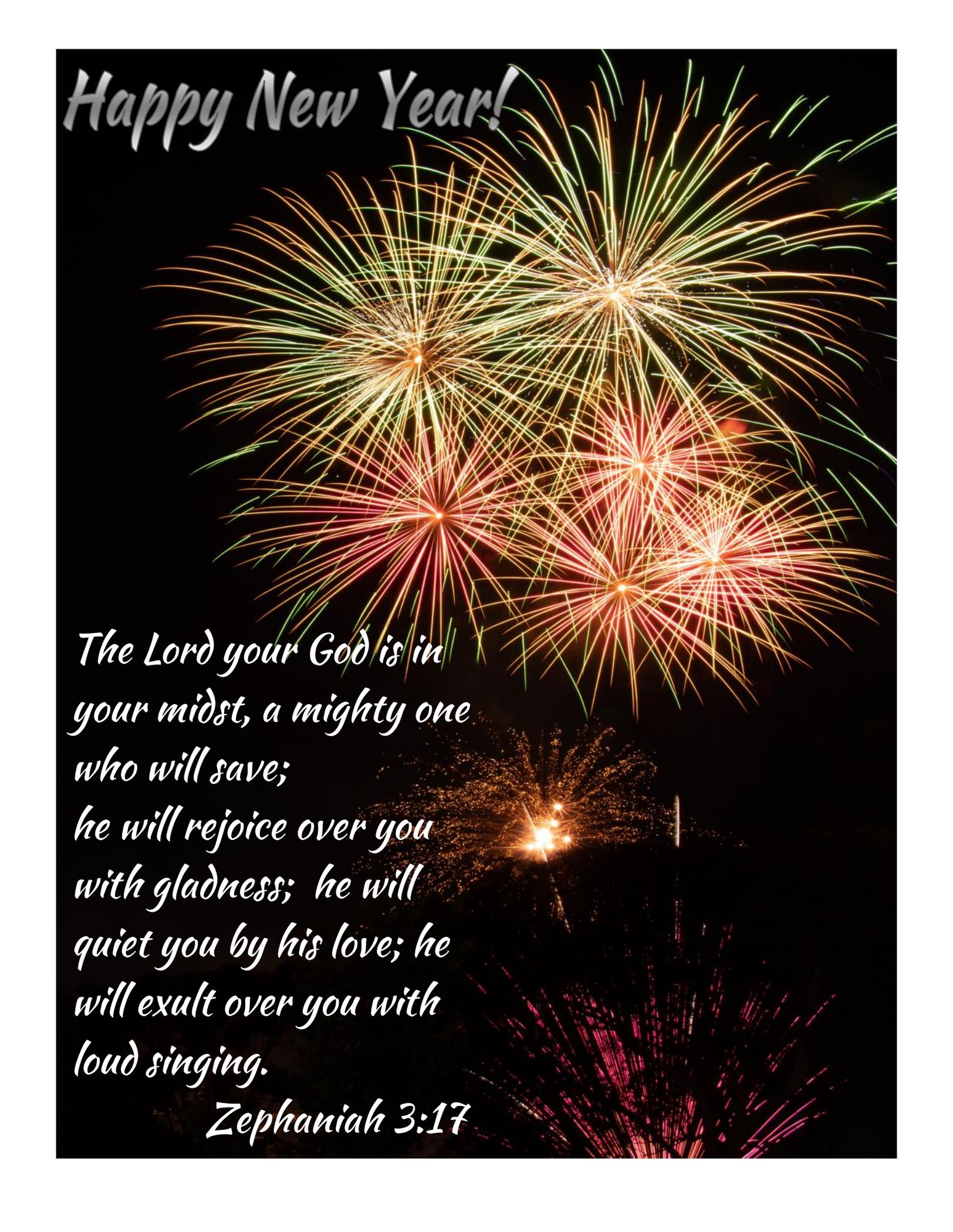
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Happy New Year!

*The Lord your God is in
your midst, a mighty one
who will save;
he will rejoice over you
with gladness; he will
quiet you by his love; he
will exult over you with
loud singing.*

Zephaniah 3:17

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Belong, Believe, Be Loving

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am to 2pm,
Wednesday 1 to 4pm,
Closed Friday and Saturday**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ♦ Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
- ♦ Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
- ♦ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER: The DEADLINE for the February 22 Newsletter is January 21.**