

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

10:45 am

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Please give any prayer requests to an usher or the pastor before the service.*

Prelude	Praise Team
Welcome	Praise Team

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

Hymn	Run To The Father	Praise Team
Invocation		Pastor Russ
Praise Song	Waymaker	Praise Team
Scripture Reading		JJ Belle

Matthew 16:13-18

## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements	Pastor Russ
Offering Our Gifts	Pastor Russ

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer	Pastor Russ
Special Music	Praise Team
Message	Pastor Russ

“Why Belong To A Church?”

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn	“The Churches One Foundation”	#131
The Lord’s Supper	Pastor Russ	
Recessional	Praise Team	



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## GETTING TO KNOW US

Rev. Russell Stammer	Pastor
Christine Lovette	Minister of Music
JJ Belle	Praise Band
Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald	
Laura Belle	Praise Team
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe	Ushers
Katie Stammer & Rich Rosenboom	Technology
All Members of This Faith Community	Ministers

## THIS WEEK

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:40 am	Prayer for service
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Coffee Hour

## UPCOMING EVENTS

5/19/24	Noon	Church Council Meeting
5/27/24	Noon	Church Memorial Day Picnic
6/9/24	Noon	Church Council Meeting
6/16/24	9:30 AM	Dad’s & Grad’s Breakfast

## BIRTHDAYS

Joan MacMillan	5/8
Sandra Christopher	5/14
Stan Bednarz	5/17
Joanne Stevens	5/26

## ANNIVERSARY

Russ & Eleanor Stammer	5/15
Tracey & Christine Lovette	5/27

## ONLINE GIVING



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Midori Maeda – new email is [tadamidori4@gmail.com](mailto:tadamidori4@gmail.com)

## GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

### 2024 BIBLE READINGS

This year’s program is based on the Year Long Bible Reading following the Jewish Torah Reading Program. This program will run from Saturday to Saturday following the Jewish Sabbath tradition. The only difference is that you will also have a New Testament (New Covenant) reading. You can read them all at once or divide it up over the week.

**Torah (Instruction) - Leviticus 16:1–18:30**

**Nevi'im (Prophets) - Ezekiel 22:1–19**

**B'rit Hadasha (New Covenant) - 1 Corinthians 6:9–20**

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week’s passage is **Psalms 119:11**

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Today’s question is:** What is the “chorus” in Psalm 136 which is repeated in every verse?

**Last week’s question and answer:** In which book of the Bible do we read of David and Goliath? **1 Samuel (1 Sam 17)**

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"God’s Word is absolutely true. You may not understand how God is going to bring about what He’s promised you, but He is keeping every promise that He has ever made. He will never deceive you or disappoint you, and He will never change His mind about what He’s told you." – **Charles Stanley**

## CONGATULATIONS!

Chris & Shanice were united in holy matrimony yesterday!

## CONGATULATIONS!

To JJ Belle for accepting a new position as Director of Financial Aid at Drew University starting on Monday May 13.



## MISSIONS (PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION)

### MILITARY BIBLESTICK

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel, in very uncomfortable

and challenging circumstances, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one.

The Military BibleStick reaches these service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God's Word in audio — It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

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Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!



### HEALTH ISSUES

Sandy Christopher – in Hospice care  
Tricia Fellner – (JJ's Sister) has bradycardia (Low pulse rate)  
Justin – Grandson of (Donna Stevens' sister) born w/only 2 heart valves  
Ted MacVicar – in hospital needs aortic valve replaced.  
Ruth Barton – in hospital with blood oxygen issues.  
Zeke Stevenson – (Ted & Shirley's great grandson) Blood issues  
Eleanor Stammer – Regaining some hearing.  
Mert Ozer - the Lord would restore his sight.  
Kim McGuire – (Niece of the Odenwald's) had a serious fall.  
Judy Girr – In Columbia Presbyterian with heart issues.  
Christa Hoppe – Cataract surgery this week

### ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Kay MacVicar, Lois Griffith, Nancy Monell (Ted O. sister), Jordan Lovette, Christine Lovette

### HEALTH ISSUES (CANCER)

Joe Alfano –Lung Cancer  
Robert Mariano – (JJ's Uncle) prostate cancer  
Joan MacMillan – Pancreatic Cancer monitoring situation  
Kevin Parmeland – Monitoring situation  
George Giordanetti – Riverdale firefighter w/stage 4 cancer.  
Don Parmeland – (Barb's Ex-husband) Colon Cancer -Chemo  
Nancy Arndt – (Friend of Lois Stammer) Cancer is back.

### OTHER CONCERNS

Good Shepherd Mission  
Unspoken Requests –People requested prayer for an unspoken request.  
Those dealing with depression, addiction & mental health issues.

### NURSING FACILITIES

Ginny Palmer

### OUR TEACHERS

Shanice Cruz-Flemming – Montville  
Katie Stammer – HCA

### OUR STUDENTS

TJ Bednarz – Eastern Christian  
Jordan Lovette – Indian Hills  
Kayla Lovette – Ramapo College  
Kiki Belle – Acellus Academy

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Major David Hutsebaut – Army, Sgt. Eduardo Velasquez - Marines  
Petty Officer Second Class Faustina Owusu Bekoe - US Navy

Our Church – We need to pray for our church as we need work to bring the Gospel to our communities.



"We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God." - Colossians 1:10



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