

Announcements |

Thank You Maple Avenue! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for this year's Santa event!

Spark After Dark Schedule: Spark After Dark will not meet on Nov. 26th. Next one is scheduled December 3.

Advent Decorating/Workday: We will decorate for Advent on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9-11 AM. We will also take time to clean and prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season.

Spark Team Dinner & White Elephant: December 2 at 6:00pm.

Spark Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange: December 10 at 5:00pm.

Men's Gathering: We are planning a men's steak dinner for early 2024. If you would be interested in participating in this event please let us know so we can plan a time that works for everyone.

Angel Tree: We are supporting foster kids this Christmas. If you would like to help with an item, please sign up online or in the narthex! Items are due on Dec. 11th.

Building Repair Fund: During 2023 we have made a number of repairs to our facilities: front column repair, HVAC repairs, painting, and a roof replacement. These necessary projects have depleted our building repair fund. If you are able, please consider donating to the Building Repair Fund so that we can be prepared for future needs.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School classes meets on the second Sunday and last Sunday at 10 am in the Garden Room.

Stretching Class: Annie leads a stretching class each Friday at 10am.

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November 26, 2023
Christ The King Sunday

PRELUDE | *We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings*

Tisa Schuurman on flute
By Nederlandsch Gedenckelanck / Edwin O. Excell, arranged by Brant Adams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 706 | *Soon and Very Soon*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* (881)

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings to Maple Avenue can be left in the Narthex. You can also give by texting any dollar amount to 833-315-0263. You can also scan this code to give online.



OFFERTORY | Simple Gifts

Featuring Tisa Shurman,
Don Besig and Nancy Price, Incorporating the Shaker tune

*DOXOLOGY |

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!

PASSING THE PEACE |

CHILDREN'S SERMON |

*HYMN 131 | *We Gather Together*

SCRIPTURE READING | John 6: 5-23

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles,[c] they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I;[d] do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that there

had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

SERMON | *Grateful: Praise After Giving Thanks*

*HYMN 2036 | *Give Thanks*

**(Chorus) Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son**

**(Verse) And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

(Ending) Give thanks

BENEDICTION |

POSTLUDE | *Revive Us Again*

By John J. Husband

* Please stand as able
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PRAYER CONCERNS |

Mary Joe Mills, Sandy Lynn, Baby Gaines Law, Jas Medina, Cherokee Walker, Bridget Hanson, Daniel Walker, Meredith Walker, Charli Walker, Reese Harper, Steven Blalock, Steve Greene, Alan Greene, Mickey Robinson, Brandy Caddell, Baby Briggs Weeks, Keith Harmeyer, Yvonne Bell, Sheila Martin, Diane Horton, Brock Warwick, Joseph Becker, Ethan Moss, Craig Leming, Bill Chatmon, Kenny Shelley, Child, Ed Stickler, Israel, Al Hough, Jerry Hedgecock, T. L. Williams, Todd Senter, Deborah Nelson, complicated pregnancies, those impacted by war, Donna Gunter, Cindy Peters, Ken Peters, Anne King Shaw, Sarah Bolt, Jeff Murray, Linda Murray, Stan Senft