

Week of October 26 - November 2, 2025

What to Expect Today:

Welcome + Announcements

Worship

Offering

Message

Pastor Jedidiah Scharmer Prayer Closes the Gap | Ephesians 3: 14-21

Worship

Benediction

WORSHIP HOURS

In-Person

9am

10:30am

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MESSAGE LISTENING GUIDE

1. Listen for a word or a phrase that stands out to you...

2. Ask God why that specific word or phrase is for you...

3. Ask God how He is going to bring that about in your life, and be open to his discretion...

Note: Try Lexio Divina with Psalm 23 or John 15: 1-9.

Find guide answers on the back page

EVENTS



All Saint's Day November 2 | 9 + 10:30am

Pastor Jedidiah will invite us into a moment of remembrance by naming loved ones Resurrection was able to serve at the time of their passing over the last year. Then, anyone who has lost someone will be invited to light a candle in remembrance.



5th Family Feast Chili Cookoff November 9 | 10am - 2pm

Every year, we invite everyone to either enter in a homemade chili for a chance to win bragging rights and a trophy, or simply come enjoy the FREE meal as enthusiastic tasters.

Find more info and sign up by scanning the EVENTS QR code!



Surviving the Holidays November 16 | 2 - 4pm

Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is specially for people who are grieving a loved one's death.

Find more info and sign up by scanning the EVENTS QR code!



Giving Tree November 9 - 30

Our Giving Tree provides Christmas gifts for families who are unable to afford gifts this year. There will be anonymous tags on the Christmas tree in the Gathering Place. Grab a tag, purchase a new gift, and place it unwrapped under the tree with the tag inside.

On November 30, we will gather together after worship to wrap all the gifts that were brought in.



Family Movie Night! December 7 | 4 - 6:30pm

Put on your PJs, grab your blankets and pillows, and enjoy a showing of The Christmas Chronicles in the Gathering Place. We'll even have snacks and hot chocolate ready to have while the movie is playing.

Scan the EVENTS QR to register!



CARE GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery* Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30pm | Rooms 305

Find freedom and healing from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Stop in any Tuesday - men and women welcome.

GriefShare*

Thursdays | Sept 4 - Dec 4 | 6-8pm

GriefShare is a support group for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Sign ups are open. Visit the Connect Corner or scan the EVENTS QR to sign up.

*childcare provided

NEWS

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Stay up to date on events and news from Resurrection by opting in to text updates.

Text STAYINTHEKNOW to 970-00

KIDS & TEENS



Pathfinders Sunday School Begins September 7

It's never too late to get your kids registered for Sunday School.

Scan the KIDS QR to register!



Elevate Wednesday Nights Begins September 10

All teens, 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us on Wednesday nights.

Scan the TEENS QR to register!



We'll learn about prayer using the Lord's Prayer.

Scan the KIDS QR to register!



Children's Christmas Program November 2 - December 14

It is getting to be that time of year when plans for the annual Children's Christmas Program start coming together. Again, this year we will be putting kids on center stage and performing "Just a Little Christmas", a simple retelling of Jesus' birth.

Kids who would like a speaking, solo/duet, or dancing part must be registered by November 1st.

Scan the KIDS QR to register!





MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ephesians 3:14–21 – "Praying the Scriptures to Close the Gap"Opening Conversation:

- When you think about prayer, which word best describes how you usually feel comfortable, confused, distracted, hopeful, routine, or connected? Why do you think you feel that way right now in this season of your life?
- Think about a moment you clearly felt God's presence. What was that moment like for you?
- The message compared Christian meditation to "marinating in the Word." What does that image mean to you? How might your life look different if you regularly "marinated" in God's Word?
- Read Psalm 1:1–3 & James 4:8. According to these verses, what happens when we intentionally draw near to God? What keeps you from closing that gap most often?

Reflect on Sunday's Experience: Paul is writing from prison, praying not for his release, but that believers would know God deeply — that Christ would dwell in their hearts and they would be "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." **Read Aloud Ephesians 3:14–21.**

- What word or phrase stands out to you most? Did the Holy Spirit show you an image, remind you of a song, impress on feeling on your spirit?
- · How does what Paul prays for differ from the kinds of things we usually pray for?

Experiencing the Practice of Lexio Divina: Have someone read **Psalm 23** three times with one minute of silence between readings. Use these prompts before each reading.

- 1st time: Listen for a word or a phrase that stands out to you...
- 2nd time: Ask God why that specific word or phrase is for you...
- **Final Time:** Ask God how He is going to bring that about in your life and be open to his direction...
 - Afterward, invite anyone who wants to share the word or phrase that stood out and what they sensed God impressing on them.
 - On How does this passages elicit imagery of God's work in your life? Why would God be highlighting that particular word/phrase for you today?

Application: What would it look like for you to begin praying the Scriptures this week? What practical rhythms could help you create space to hear from God daily?

 If prayer is the bridge that closes the gap, where in your life right now do you most need that bridge to be built? Dig even deeper into your faith with others by joining a Journey Group!

Scan this code to find the perfect group for you.

