

# The Children's Worship Bulletin

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

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# Just a word from Mr. Mac

Claude E. McRoberts, III • Senior Minister

Dear Children,

New Year! New Book of the Bible: The Gospel of John!

This year we will study the book of JOHN.

So many people love this book. For many, it was the first book of the Bible that they read. JOHN helps you learn a whole lot about the “disciple Jesus loved;” but most important, JOHN helps us learn so much about JESUS!

John had a brother named James, and they were called “Sons of Thunder.” They came from a family that had money. They were very proud men; very self-centered. Very motivated and pushy. But the more they got to know Jesus, the more they loved Jesus; and the more they loved Jesus, the more they loved themselves less. It became more about Jesus than it did James and John.

I cannot name here in this letter all the things that you will find in John but not in the other gospels. To name a few: (a) Jesus changing water to wine; (2) resurrection of Lazarus; (3) Jesus washing the disciples’ feet; (4) Jesus commanding His disciples in the Upper Room to love one another; (5) when Thomas cries out, *My Lord and My God!* (6) when Jesus walks with Peter and asks him if he loves Him, then tells Peter to feed His sheep.

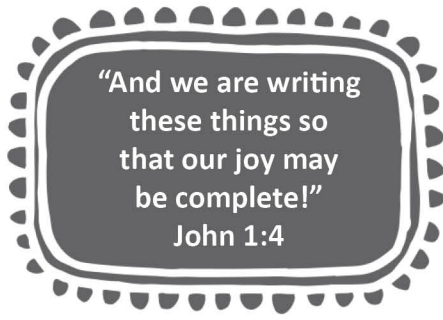
And there are what are known as the great I AM statements: I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World; I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Resurrection and the Life; I am the Living Water; I am the Vine; I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Why don’t you and your family read through the book of JOHN this year?!

Ask God to show you this year things about Jesus that you never knew ... or forgot. Ask God to help you by His Spirit to love Jesus more at the end of 2021 than you do today. Talk to your mom and dad about how you might do this.

I sure do love you!

Mr. Mac



**Do you have a:**

**Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?**

**Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?**

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

**Mr. Mac wants to know!!**

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear Mr. Mac,

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# A Guide to Family Worship

## January 4 - January 9

Mom and Dad,

I would encourage you to use my letter to the children this week in your times with them. There are challenges to read the book of John this year. Perhaps you could do that as a family ~ a simple portion each day.

As a family, commit to knowing Jesus better, and hence loving Him more. And when I tell the children in my letter to them to ask you how to do that, remember: reading the Word, prayer, being in worship, Sunday School, Scripture memory, catechism memory ... all these are wonderful ways to fall more deeply in love with God the Father, His Son Jesus, and His Holy Spirit.

Looking back, I must tell you, these days with your young children will pass like a snap of the finger. Cherish each moment you get with them. Carve out time every day to talk to them, pray with them, read with them, work on memory work, learning catechism questions/answers. You will never, ever regret spending spiritual quality time with your children.

We at the church are always here for you.

Mr. Mac

### THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!! 10 EASY STEPS

- #1 Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.
- #2 Try really hard to make the same time every day.
- #3 It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.
- #4 Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.
- #5 Sing a song or two together.
- #6 Take prayer requests.
- #7 Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.) Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks
- #8 Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.
- #9 Have a Leader of the Day; they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/or tell something that happened to them that day
- #10 Dad, pray this over your children: Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

# Sermon Art

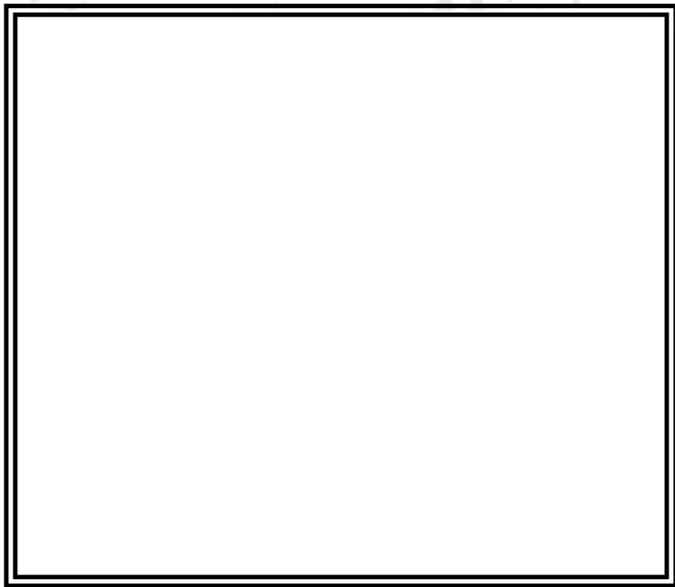
Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

**This week's lesson is on**

John 1:1-5

Want to see your artwork on  
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



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“And He said to them,  
‘Go into all the world  
and proclaim the gospel  
to the whole creation.’”  
Mark 16:15

## Meet Our Missionaries!



**Matt and Deborah Stangehelle**  
**MM&I - Stavanger, Norway**

Matt and Deborah are leading a team of Norwegians and internationals to plant the Presbyterian Church in Norway. Matt is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America and is serving his call with the Ministry to the Military and Internationals, a commission of the Southeast Alabama Presbytery. They are currently located in Stavanger, Norway and hope to expand to the six largest cities in Norway and establish a Norwegian Presbyterian denomination.

# Music and Hymns

## # 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Psalm 90:1-2 says "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." In Revelation 22:13 Jesus says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." There is nothing He has not seen, including the future. He knows EVERYTHING. Everything He does for us is for our own good. Sometimes we don't understand, but he does because He can see things we cannot see. He has always helped His people and He will continue to help believers today!

## #457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

This hymn talks about the way all believers stray from God at times in their life and how God is faithful to draw us back to Him. His mercy never ceases and He continues to invite us back into His arms when we wander away from Him. In fact, Jesus pursued us when we were yet sinners. Verse 2 says "Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood." To interpose means to come between. Jesus has come between you and your sin by cleansing you through the blood He shed on the cross. Isn't that amazing? We did nothing to deserve it and even though we may try, we continue to do wrong, yet He continues to love us! What a wondrous blessing!

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations."

Psalm 90:1





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