

# REGROUP, REMEMBER, AND REFLECT

ON THE 2025 JANUARY SUNDAY SERMONS

## SESSIONS

**It's time to do good** (Jan 5)

**Revealing God to us** (Jan 12)

**Teaching with authority** (Jan 19)

**Celebrate the sacraments** (Jan 26)



## JANUARY OVERVIEW

In December we anticipated the coming of Jesus Christ. Now, in January, we can proclaim that **He is here!** Each sermon this month will dwell on aspects of the presence of Christ in our lives.

Our New Year will begin with the Chief Apostle's 2025 theme for year: *It's time to do good!*

The second sermon will illustrate how God is revealed through Jesus Christ. The third sermon of January will focus our attention on knowing Christ through His teaching. The last Sunday sermon will walk us through the presence of Christ in the sacraments, and how we can respond to them. The midweek sermon will illuminate how the light of Christ permeates our lives.

*What it cost the Son to get so near to us that we could say **Come in**, is the story of His life. He stands at the door and knocks, and when we open to Him He comes in, and dwells with us, and we are transformed...*

From **Unspoken Sermons**

Spend these next few weeks letting Jesus Christ into your life.



# He is here... Teaching with authority!

**Bible verse:** Matthew 5:1-2

**Suggested Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

## QUESTIONS:

1. How did Jesus interpret the law with authority? How was this similar to what the Pharisees did? How was it different?
2. Jesus often framed laws with the phrase, "You have heard it said... But I say to you..." How did this framing reveal the divine intent of the law?
3. How have we learned Christ? On one hand, we can read His teachings, and hear His teachings explained; we can even promise to live by His teachings - but we will not *know Christ* until we give up our old nature and live out what He taught. Read Ephesians 4:17-18, 20-24 ESV and discuss what it means to "put on the new self."
4. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
5. How is Jesus Christ present in His teachings?
6. What is the one new thought that you walked away with?
7. If you had to summarize the service in one sentence to someone who was not there, what would it be?

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# He is here... Celebrate the sacraments!

**Bible verse:** Psalm 111:4

**Suggested Reading:** Psalm 111

## QUESTIONS:

1. Read Psalm 111 - it is a primer on praise. Answer the following: Why, how, where, and with whom should we praise?
2. Verse 5: *He will ever be mindful of His covenant.* How can we remain mindful of the covenant we made with God in our baptism? In our confirmation?
3. Verse 6: *He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.* Read Colossians 1:9-14 together. How can we walk worthy of our calling to be partakers in "the inheritance of the saints"?
4. Verse 4: *He has made His wonderful works to be remembered.* Jesus encouraged His disciples to remember His work on the cross by "doing this in remembrance of Me." How can we remember the sacrifice of Christ in our lives?
5. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
6. How is Jesus Christ present in the sacraments?
7. What is the one new thought that you walked away with?

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