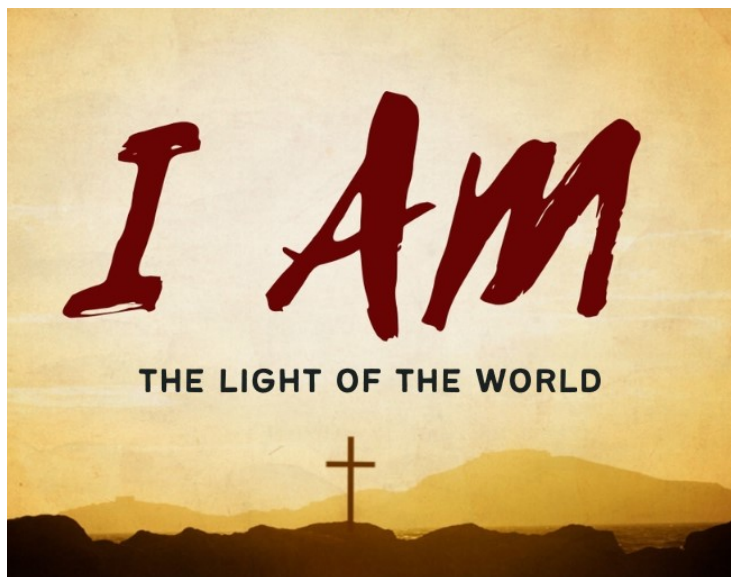


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Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers
passionately committed to Jesus as Lord
through worship, nurture, and outreach.

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Prelude: Marv Smoker

Opening song led by Glenn Hershey

“May Jesus Christ be Praised” (Red hymnal #87)

Welcome and Call to Worship: Ruthie Umble

Offering for Leadership Support: Offertory by Marv Smoker

Congregational Singing led by Glenn Hershey

“Love Divine all Loves Excelling” (Blue hymnal #592)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (Blue hymnal #493)

Greetings from Andres and Angelica Prins

Children’s Time led by Pastor Krista Snader

“We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise” led by

Lisa Zimmerman

Scripture reading: John 8: 12-20, Matthew 5: 13-16

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman:

“I am the Light of the World”

Congregational singing

“Sunshine in my Soul” (Red hymnal #499)

Sharing time and Benediction

Invitation to prayer as service concludes, while music
is played

*Thank you to those serving in our worship service today!
Including Ushers John and Henrietta Shertzer, and those
behind-the-scenes: Projectionist Becki Day, Sound Tech
Dale Weaver, Live Stream Jim Evans, Camera Operator
Levi Hoover, Back Table Helper Faye Woods, and Nursery
Workers Anna Day and Jen Eshleman.*

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

- Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria as they grieve losses due to the devastating earthquake.
 - Pray for Andres and Angelica Prins as they spend time connecting with people in the US before returning to Morocco.
 - Pray for a kidney match to become available for Randy Umble.
 - Pray for Faythe Roberts as she prepares for surgery on her stomach.
 - Pray for those impacted by the shooting at Michigan State.
 - Pray for the family of David Shenk as they remember and celebrate his life of faithfulness.
 - Pray for Miriam Weaver as she anticipates aortic heart valve surgery in the near future.
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Invitation to receive prayer

This Sunday at the close of our worship service, we will be extending an invitation for anyone to come forward to receive prayer from pastors and elders. You do not need to share the reason you are coming for prayer. We are glad to pray for anyone who comes forward.

Lenten Sermon Series

Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is Wednesday, February 22.

Today, we begin a Lenten sermon series on the "I am" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Pastor Tom begins the series this week from John 8, "I am the light of the World."

Events this week:

Wednesday: **Morning Prayer Group**, 8:30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Earl Myers: Friday, February 24

Ruthie Youndt: Friday, February 24

Ruth Zimmerman: Saturday, February 25



Bringing sacrifices of praise

Along the theme of “We bring a sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord”, everyone is invited to share a praise to God. This can be something you created such as a poem or handicraft, words written on the papers on the benches, or another creative way to praise God. You may place your praises at the end of the bench and the children will collect these items during the children’s time. We will be doing this for the next few Sundays.

On the back table, please find:

- Report from Pastor Tom’s recent trip to Cuba
- Minutes from Administration meeting
- Letter from Tanner Eshleman in Costa Rica

Looking ahead:

Stories from Belize: Sunday, February 26

All are invited to join us for lunch and conversation with Rachel and Yamil Gavilondo and their children on Sunday, February 26 after church in the All-purpose Room. The Gavilondos will be sharing pictures and stories from their service trip to Belize last month.

Bring a packed lunch!

Coffee Break: Wednesday, March 1

Tom Eshleman will be sharing pictures and stories from his recent trip to Cuba. 10:00am in the Cafe

Pastoral Commissioning: Sunday, March 12

Celebrate what God is doing! During the morning worship service, we will have a commissioning service for our Associate Pastor, Krista Snader. Let's celebrate the work of God in the life of Krista and in the life of our Groffdale family! More details to come.

Game/puzzle night: Sunday, March 19

*****Please note the date change*****

with a finger food potluck! 4:00-8:00pm

Annual Church Retreat: July 7-9

at Woodcrest Retreat

Leadership Team meeting highlights

Thank you for your prayers for Leadership Team as they met on February 14. Highlights of the meeting included reflecting on congregational meeting, envisioning Krista Snader's pastoral commissioning on March 12 and clarifying terms for elders and pastors. One of the things the team devoted to prayer was the future of Groffdale church finance leadership. Thank you, Father, for Groffdale Leadership team, a gift from God!

OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and deposits. Thanks for giving so generously!

Facilities:	\$3783
Leadership Fund:	\$ 300
Missions:	\$ 50
Program Fund	\$ 225

Serving Next Sunday, February 26

Prelude: Bob Mohler and
Rick Umble

Hymns Leader: Mark Wenger

Worship Leader:
Caeley Zimmerman

Sermon: Tom Eshleman

Projectionist: Chris Martin

Sound Tech: Brian Snader

Live Stream: Will Baumiller

Camera Operator:

Harold Mohler

Ushers: Lenny and Mim Martin

Offering: Program Fund

Back Table: Mag Nolt

Nursery Workers: Fern Bauman
and Dawn Moore



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