

The background is a dark, textured grey. In the top left, there are several gold circles of different sizes hanging from thin lines, with small gold stars scattered around them. In the top right, a large, bright gold firework bursts. In the bottom left, two more gold fireworks are shown. In the bottom right, a gold ribbon flows upwards. The text "HAPPY NEW YEAR" is in a white, sans-serif font. Below it, the year "2025" is written in a large, bold, white font, with a horizontal line underlining the "2025" part. The number "6" is also in a large, bold, white font, positioned to the right of the "2025".

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025
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Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God

For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God

Hymn: #435 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

From the depths of despair, O LORD,
I call for your help.

**Hear my cry, O Lord.
Pay attention to my prayer.**

LORD, if you kept a record of our sins,
who, O Lord, could ever survive?

**But you offer forgiveness,
that we might learn to fear you.**

I am counting on the LORD;
yes, I am counting on him.
I have put my hope in his word.

**I long for the Lord
more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD;
for with the LORD there is unfailing love.
His redemption overflows.

**He himself will redeem Israel
from every kind of sin.**

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy Shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

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Assurance of Pardon:

I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.

**I will praise you every day;
yes, I will praise you forever.**

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.

**The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.**

The LORD helps the fallen.
The eyes of all look to you in hope;

**When you open your hand,
you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

The LORD is righteous in everything he does;
he is filled with kindness.

**The LORD is close to all who call on him,
yes, to all who call on him in truth.**

Hymn: #137 "What Child is This?"

Hymn: #157 "Away in the Manger"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **John 6: 27-51**

Sermon: The Bread of Life

²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

²⁸ Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

³⁰ Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

³² Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.”

⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves.

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

John 6:14

¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6:26

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

Mark 6:6

⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

John 6:58

⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:
“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Benediction

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Jan. 22 is National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Clarity has provided us with bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign. Please take one or two and fill with your change, check, ones, fives, tens and return on Jan. 22.

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.

Men's Bible Study at 9 am Monday at the church.

Our monthly mission for December is RMMO (Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering). For your convenience, envelopes are in each foyer. They can just be dropped in the offering plate located at the sound booth. Thank you.