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Jan. 1 and 2, 2011 | Second Sunday After Christmas

# Looking back, moving Forward

by Pastor Phil Robarge

Bringing

Jesus Christ

to people for

the first time

and

for a lifetime.

Standing on the brink of something new is scary—there is uncertainty and fear. Have you ever been faced with something new and been apprehensive? Thinking about a major change can be very frightening. Maybe it is a job change or a move or you are about to get married—that is scary, isn't it? Whatever your experience, whenever you stand on the brink of something new, there is excitement and adrenaline as well as uncertainty and fear. The New Year can feel particularly daunting because there is so much promise and expectation in the fresh start.

There is a tendency to become overwhelmed by a intimidating task, causing you to dwell in the past rather than face the fear of the unknown future. As you look back into the comfortable past you find yourself reminiscing about the glory days, when things were better. In actual fact, they weren't better. Those days were just as hard—you've just forgotten the hard bits and only remember the good things.

Do you have doubts about where you should be heading in 2011? Are there events coming down the road that could mean some real challenges? Faced with an uncertainty in the future can lead to longing for the comfortable past, but I encourage you this year to see the past for what it is—it's gone, behind us, over. Let us, together, look forward and press on with joy to find the amazing things that God is doing in us individually and collectively in the family of Gloria Dei.

Certainly we have seen God at work here, but we don't want to concentrate on the past. Let us look forward. We have closed another year and are about to embark on a new one with some incredible opportunities. Let's look back and celebrate the past, but let's also prepare to move into the future where God has big plans for us and for his church.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

# Ready for a journey?

Next week, we will embark on a 16-week journey through the Bible in a message series



entitled "Destination-Resurrection: Where am I in God's plan?" Each week we will explore a new location from the Old Testament as well as in Jesus' life. Throughout the journey, we will not act as spectators, judging the actions of the people we visit, but instead we will find ourselves at each stop, discovering and antici-

There's only one place our series can begin, and remember God doesn't make junk.

Jan. 8-9 Hint

pating where we are in God's plan.

Since part of any journey is the unexpected, we will publish hints on where we will stop on next week's itinerary. Take a shot, be brave and publicly post your educated guess on faceboook.com/GloriaDeionline.

Looking forward to an unforgettable journey with you!

### **Educational times**

Weekend education times will not meet: Jan. 1-2

Midweek educational times will not be held: Wednesday, Jan. 5

All educational times resume:

Jan. 8-9 and Jan. 12, 2011

## Winter opportunities

We have an array of opportunities to help keep you warm this winter.

Check out page 4 for more details.

## **Welcome Center** updates

The new year marks a new approach to our Welcome Center effort.

And we need everyone (including families) to join a team!

For more information, see page 2.

## Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is gearing up for the 2011/12 school year.

Registration information can be found on page 5.

#### **Kindermusik**

We have a great avenue for children to learn about music this winter.

For more information, see page 5.

# **Welcome Center updates**

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...1 Peter 4:8-10

Each weekend a lot of assistance is needed from greeting those coming through our doors to helping folks find a seat to collecting the offering to assisting with

the sacraments. In the near future you will have an opportunity to share your gifts during the worship service that you normally attend. We need each of you to join one of the hospitality teams that greets, invites, ushers, and shares the joy of membership at Gloria Dei with

\*\*Together we can create a contagious, welcoming, environment at Gloria Dei. A place where we all desire to be.\*\* ~ Pastor Robarge

visitors and other members. Since each worship service will have its own hospitality team, we desire each member of the congregation to offer his/her talents on a monthly basis to those worshiping around you (i.e. greet the first Sunday of every month during the worship service that you normally attend). This ministry is vital to the growth of Gloria Dei as we work together to meet the needs of and assist those who are new to Gloria Dei and to be a continued presence for existing members. Do you have a passion for making others feel welcome and bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime? Please take some time to review the responsibilities of each hospitality team and then sign-up today in the narthex and the Family Life Center!

**Ushers-** The primary duty of an usher is to maintain an atmosphere of reverent worship and respect during the entire worship service. Specific tasks include helping individuals find seats, distributing service handouts, handling offering, communion dismissal and assisting with individual needs that may arise during service.

**Greeters-** The primary duty of a greeter is to welcome everyone to Gloria Dei. This includes opening the external entry doors appropriate to each service, assisting the elderly, the handicapped or children being dropped off at a main entrance, and directing visitors to the worship location and Welcome Center.

Welcome Center/hospitality- The primary duty is to provide a welcoming environment for Gloria Dei attendees and to encourage fellowship among members and visitors alike. These individuals will be encouraged to be familiar with class locations within the church, the church calendar and be prepared to point individuals to specific information. Following a service, hospitality may work with other team members to provide impromptu tours for visitors.

# Sign up today in the Family Life Center or in the narthex.



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For a complete staff listing: go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com

## St. Olaf Choir

The St. Olaf Choir from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. will perform Friday, Jan. 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at First Christian Church, 2500 University Ave., Des Moines. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at their Web site: http://stolaftickets.universitytickets.com/user\_pages/event\_listings.asp or call 1-507-786-3131.

## Volunteers Needed

Karen Acres Healthcare Center is looking for volunteers to help with bingo on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m., manicures on Tuesday afternoons and leading Bible studies throughout the week. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Tim Phillips at 276-1700.

# **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Jan. 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary is for:



Hartman Wellesley Johnson born on Dec. 14, 2010 to Jassen Johnson and Sarah Anne Kramer. Hartman's spiritual sponsors are Travis and Brooke Gocken, Jon and Rachel Hemer and Paul and Jessica Kramer. Administering the Sacrament is Rev. H. W. Kramer.

## **Altar flowers 2011**



If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a love one, the sign-up book for altar flowers is located at the Welcome Center.

# **Operation Barnabas**

Operation Barnabas, a network of care and ministry to the Armed Forces, is holding a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 SE Sharon Dr., Ankeny. In this workshop, you will learn how to recruit volunteers from your church, learn how to initiate contact with local military population, and create a vital and popular outreach that will transform your congregation. You will receive a workbook, a great learning experience, and have the opportunity to meet others like you who have a heart for our military families. To register, call Rev. Mark Baldwin at 515-964-1250 or e-mail pastorbaldwin@ stpaulankeny.org.

# Servers

## Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC): Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Phil Robarge

#### Preacher:

Rev. Phil Robarge

## Organist:

Lynn Hays

#### **Acolytes:**

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rustin Aufdenkamp

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Brett Foreman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Ben Onsrud

#### **Elders:**

Ken Meythaler Gary Wasko Devin Wren

#### Usher<mark>s:</mark> Northwind

Mike Mazza
Tim Mueller
Jim Riddle
Peg Riddle

## 7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt Arlyn Hesse Jim Johnson Dick Mueller Ken Wunsch

#### 9 a.m.

Greg Haessler
Dan Johnson
Rich Johnson
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Jeff Monson
David Morrison
Chad Oehlert

#### 10:30 a.m.

Dennis Appelhons Doug Bass Kevin Kelley

#### Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 3:3-9 and Philippians 3:13-20 (NIV)

## Let's pray!

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

## **Thanksgivings**

· For our families

## **Prayers**

#### For the health of:

- · Addison Blythe
- · Gene Osby
- · Don Steuber
- Janet Tysee
- Judy Bunz

## And for:

- The family and friends of Shirley Knickman who died on Dec. 26
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- · Sarah Bennum and family
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott, Joshua Phillips and Trent Lumley

## Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

# Winter opportunities

Yes, there is life after Christmas! And we are excited to offer opportunities that will keep us growing and warm in the cold of winter. Here are a few:

## 2011 Honduras mission trip

Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 131/133. An informational meeting will be held for those interested in obtaining more information about our mission trip to Honduras from June 25-July 2, 2011.

## CareNight

**Starts Thursday, Jan. 6 from 6-8 p.m.** The evening will begin with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare and DivorceCare4Kids. Register on our Web site.

## **Financial Peace University**

**Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Apr. 12, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. Register today on our Web site.

## **Pre-marriage Class**

**Tuesday, January 18 to February 22, 2011 from 6:30-8 p.m.** Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the upcoming year must take a six-week pre-marriage class. For more information, please call 276-1700 during office hours M-F 8-4 p.m.

## **Discovery 101**

**Thursday, Jan. 13 to Feb. 3, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Join us for the winter session of Discovery 101 on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran Faith. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

## **Discovery 201**

**Sunday, February 20, 2011 from 3-6:30 p.m.** If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Childcare is provided. If you would like to use our childcare services, please indicate this when you register.

For more information about these events, or to register, visit: www.gloriadeionline.com or call the church office at 276-1700.

# Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 131/133
Make a 2011 resolution to work on your scrapbook! Join us for conversation, inspiration and room to spread out! We meet in room 131/133. For more infor-

mation, contact Deb Kesse at

# Gloria Dei Quilters

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Friday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in rooms 130/132/134

With the holidays behind us and snow on the ground, the quilters are back at work. This year's quilts are being donated to Honduras and to children of military members deployed out of Camp Dodge, but you are also welcome to work on a project of your own. Enjoy the fellowship and opportunities to bounce ideas off another quilter. Share the fun! Contact: Karen Hoff at Karenrhoff@hotmail.com or at 278-6655.

## **Book club**

Join us in January and discuss great Christian fiction. Meet in the cry room from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

January 5 - "Angel Song" by Sheila Walsh

Need more information, contact Heather Schmitz, 371-5875.



# Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

All youth mark your calendars for the "30 Hour Famine" kick-off meeting to be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011 at 6 p.m.

## **Dinner Theatre**

Casting and rehearsal will be held Sunday, Jan. 9 from 12-2 p.m. Dinner theater practices will be held Sundays in the month of January from 12-2 p.m.

## **Junior high (6-8)**

**Sunday: Castaway:** Expect fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings starting Jan. 9.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.: See you Wednesday, Jan. 12.

## **Apostle Creed Confirmation Retreat:**

Friday, Jan. 21 - Saturday, Jan. 22

Meet at Gloria Dei at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Parents are to meet the youth at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Elm Lodge at the 4-H Camp in Madrid.

## Senior high (9-12)

**Leadership/NAGU Meetings:** Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

**The Point:** Join us Wednesday, Jan. 12 for worship, large-group Bible study and small-group discussion.

**Senior High Bible Study:** Don't miss our Bible Study starting Sunday, Jan 9 at 9 a.m.

# **Tiny Treasures 2011 updates**

**Tiny Treasures Registration** for 2011/2012 school year will begin for Gloria Dei families on Saturday, Jan. 8. Registration is as easy as 1-2-3! Simply go to our Web site at: www.gloriadeionline.com and click on the Tiny Treasures' link.

**Tiny Treasures Workshop:** Want a healthy start to 2011? Dr. Heather Yost will offer a workshop, "Feed Me!: Changing Your Child's Future with Healthy Food," Thursday, Jan. 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in rooms 130-132. Registration requested by signing up at the preschool office or e-mail jolynn@gloriadeionline.com Free and open to all.

**Tiny Treasures Playgroup:** Playgroup for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds will begin Feb. 1 and is offered on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Safety Concerns:** On school days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when preschoolers are present, please exercise great caution and care when entering or exiting the parking lot. The children must cross the parking lot to enter the playground. Orange cones are placed in the crosswalk as a reminder for drivers to slow down or stop. We need your help to assist us in protecting our little Tiny Treasures students. Thank you!

# Winter Kindermusik

Winter Kindermusik classes begin on Jan. 18, 2011 and will be held on Tuesdays.

**Young Child** for ages 5-7 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 4:50-5:20 p.m.

**Village** for newborn to 18 months meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 8 from 5:30-6 p.m.

**Our Time** for ages 18 months to 3 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:05-6:35 p.m.

**Imagine That** for ages 3-4 years meets Jan. 18 to Mar. 29 from 6:40-7:10 p.m.

# Children's Ministry updates

Join us for The Wave on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

# Week of Jan. 1-8, 2011

## Saturday, January 1

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center

#### Sunday, January 2

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

with Communion

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

with Communion

9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary with Communion

#### Monday, January 3

No scheduled events

#### Tuesday, January. 4

9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

6:00 p.m. Senior High Leadership Meeting

6:15 p.m. **Book Club** 

6:30 p.m. 2011 Honduras Trip Meeting

#### Scripture on Giving:

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

Outpouring of Love (Dec. 23-30)		
General Fund Offerings	\$58,083	
Second QTD Offering	\$434,807	
Second QTD Budget	\$519,000	

#### Thursday, January 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir Mt. Olive Basketball Game

3:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal

6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Nutrition Class

6:30 p.m. Care Night

6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

#### Friday, January 7

No Scheduled Events

#### Saturday, January 8

Northwind Worship Team Practice 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

5:50 p.m. **Grace Place** 

Christmas Services	Attendance
3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)	248
4 p.m. (FLC)	126
4:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	629
5:30 p.m. (FLC)	96
6 p.m. (Sanctuary)	431
7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	199
Total	1729
Christmas morning	56

Worship (Dec. 26)	Attendance
Northwind	n/a
7:45 a.m.	56
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	131
9 a.m. (FLC)	n/a
10:30 a.m.	281
Total	468

## Week of Jan. 8-15, 2011

Saturday,	<b>January</b>	8
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4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center with Communion

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

#### Sunday, January 9

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Castaway

9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center

with Communion

9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:20 a.m. Grace Place

9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

in Sanctuary

10:50 a.m. Grace Place

12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Practice1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659

2:00 p.m. The Wave

2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Café 923

#### Monday, January 10

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision - afternoon4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806

6:30 p.m. Volleyball

6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Supervision - evening

6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

#### Tuesday, January. 11

1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
6:00 p.m. Governing board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, January 12

10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies

5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive

6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers

6:15 p.m. Adult Small Group Meeting

7:00 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale

#### Thursday, January 13

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

6:30 p.m. Care Night

6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

#### Friday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

8:30 a.m. Quilters Group

#### Saturday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

8:30 a.m. Quilters Group

4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Practice

5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in

Family Life Center

5:50 p.m. Grace Place

# Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

## Weekend Worship Services

**Please note: We will not offer Grace Place and Castaway this weekend but will resume Jan. 8-9.** Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m.

**Northwind Contemporary Worship Service:** Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

**Traditional Worship Service:** Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

**H-3 Family Worship Service:** Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members.

**Infusion-Contemporary Worship:** Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

## Other Important Items

**Nursery:** Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

**Cry room:** Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

## Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

# Weekly Bible Reading

## 1 Kings 3:3-9 (NIV)

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the statutes of his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

## **Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times**

**Saturday Evening:** 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary **Children's Educational Times:** Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon