



*Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

2668 Marlboro Church Rd.  
Sophia, NC 27350

**Christ is at the center of  
Marlboro Friends Meeting**

**Directing our members to grow in the Spirit,  
To worship Him through our lives,  
And to set an example  
By ministering to the needs of those  
We meet in our daily walk.**

Worship Theme 2026:  
"Speak the Truth in Love"

Theme Verse: Ephesians 4: 15 - 16

"15...Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

## Marlboro Friends Meeting Order of Worship for Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Theme Verses – Ephesians 4: 15 – 16**

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10:00 to 10:30am – **Greeting Time** - for all attending the Drive-in Service

**Drive – In Worship** - Please tune your radio to **94.3** for the worship service.

**Scripture and Opening Prayer**

***Ephesians 4: 15** - '...Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.'*

**Prelude** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Kathy Walden

**Call to Worship** "Life's Railway" Marlboro Messengers

**Welcome and Announcements** Ministry & Counsel

**Congregational Hymn # 405** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

**Friendly Communion**

***Psalm 122: 1** – "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*

**Offertory** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Kathy Walden

**Praises and Prayers**

**Special Music** "Morning Has Broken" Marlboro Messengers

**Open Worship**

**Scripture Readings** Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 and 11 – 16

**Message** "Speaking Truth in Love" Ray Luther

**Congregational Hymn # 132** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude** "Change My Heart, O God" Kathy Walden

*Enter Prepared to Worship. Leave Prepared to Serve.*

## Scripture for Today

***Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 and 11 – 16***

***Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ***

***<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.***

***...<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.***

***<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.***

## Daily Scripture Readings for The Week

To enhance our spiritual growth, we will be sharing daily passages from the International Sunday School lessons to read and study to grow your faith as you spend time with the Lord.

Mon. January 5<sup>th</sup> – Ezekiel 18: 20 – 23 & 27 – 32

Tues. January 6<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 1: 10 – 21

Wed. January 7<sup>th</sup> – Mark 2: 1 – 12

Thurs. January 8<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 11: 1 – 10

Fri. January 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7: 11 – 22

Sat. January 10<sup>th</sup> – Acts 2: 32 – 39

Sun. January 11<sup>th</sup> – Luke 15: 11 – 32



## ***Belize Mission Support***

***Our Meeting is supporting the mission work of Friends in the Central American country of Belize. Our focus is providing support for the Belize Church Food Program.***

***If you want to support this ministry,***

***Please make a donation to:***

***Friends United Meeting***

***101 Quaker Hill Drive***

***Richmond Indiana 57374***

***Please keep the ministry in Belize in your thoughts and prayers.***

**Welcome to Marlboro Friends Meeting!**

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