



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

2668 Marlboro Church Rd. Sophia,  
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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: Ephesian 4: 15 - 16

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## Marlboro Friends Meeting Order of Worship for Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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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** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Kathy Walden

**Call to Worship** "In the Sweet By and By" Marlboro Messengers

**Welcome and Announcements** Ministry & Counsel

**Congregational Hymn # 501** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

### Friendly Communion

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

**Offertory** "The Gift of Love" Kimberly Farlow and Kathy Walden

### Praises and Prayers

**Special Music** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Bob Spencer

### Open Worship

**Scripture Readings** Ephesians 1: 15 – 23, 4: 1 – 3 and Philippians 4: 13

**Message** "Called to Be the Body of Christ" Ray Luther

**Congregational Hymn # 614** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

### Closing Prayer

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

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

## **Scriptures for Today**

### **Ephesians 1: 15 – 23      Thanksgiving and Prayer**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, <sup>19</sup>and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

### **Ephesians 4: 1 – 3      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.

### **Philippians 4: 13**

<sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>** – James 1: 2 – 8

**Tues. January 13<sup>th</sup>** – Jeremiah 29: 10 – 14

**Wed. January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Philippians 4: 4 – 9

**Thurs. January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Psalm 61

**Fri. January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Matthew 6: 5 – 15

**Sat. January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Genesis 18: 23 – 33

**Sun. January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Luke 18: 9 – 14



### **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

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