



*Sunday, January 18<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: Ephesian 4: 15 - 16**

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## Marlboro Friends Meeting Order of Worship for Sunday January 18<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**                    "His Eye is on the Sparrow"                    Kathy Walden

**Call to Worship**            "The Family of God"                    Marlboro Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**    Ministry & Counsel

**Congregational Hymn # 544**    "The Church's One Foundation"

### Friendly Communion

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

**Offertory**                    "The Sacrifice of Love"                    Kathy Walden

**Committee Member Recognition**                                    Ray Luther

### Praises and Prayers

**Special Music**            "Foolish Generosity"                    Ray Luther

### Open Worship

**Scripture Readings**        Ephesians 4: 11 – 13 and John 13: 1 – 17

**Message**                    "Serving Others: The Work of the Body of Christ"                    Ray Luther

**Congregational Hymn # 595**    "They'll Know We Are Christians"

### Closing Prayer

**Postlude**                    "Sheltered in the Arms of God"                    Kathy Walden

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

## Scriptures for Today

### **Ephesians 4: 11 – 13**

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

*...<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.*

### **John 13: 1 – 17**

#### **Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet**

*<sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

*<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

*<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"*

*<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."*

*<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."*

*Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."*

*<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"*

*<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.*

*<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."*

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 4: 18 – 22**

**Tues. January 20<sup>th</sup> – Deuteronomy 7: 7 – 11**

**Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup> – Colossians 1: 3 – 12**

**Thurs. January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Proverbs 1: 2 – 7**

**Fri. January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Proverbs 1: 8 – 12**

**Sat. January 24<sup>th</sup> – Philippians 3: 10 – 16**

**Sun. January 25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3: 14 – 18**



### **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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