



# PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

January 20 – 21, 2024  
Exodus 1:15-21

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## WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND:

“Free (This Joy)”

“Immortal, Invisible  
God Only Wise” 9:00 am

“Stand in Your Love”

“Living Hope” 5:30 pm / 10:30 am

Message: Jason Kramme

“Yet Not I  
But Through Christ in Me”

Go in peace  
to love and serve.

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturdays at 5:30pm | Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am

### Artist in Residence series: Russ Parrish

Sunday, January 28 | 9:00am and 10:30am during worship

### New Members class

Sunday, January 28 | noon – 2:00 pm | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

## JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

### Baptism Connections class

Sunday, January 28 | 11:45 am – 1:15 pm | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

## JOIN US FOR MISSION

### Plan for Feed My Starving Children!

February 5-10 | Hosanna Church, Lakeville  
Scan the code to donate to FMSC



**AND** – Mark your calendars for a FMSC benefit concert featuring  
**Russ Parrish** on Sunday evening, January 28, in the chapel.

## JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



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# CONNECTION CARD

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

(name of person who invited you, mailing, website, etc.)

☐ Guest

☐ Desire to Join

☐ Desire to Volunteer

☐ Contact Update

☐ Contact Me

See reverse side for  
Spiritual Care request

# courage

**“But the midwives had far too much respect for God and didn’t do what the king of Egypt ordered.” – Exodus 1:17, The Message**

In today’s story, Pharoah (the Egyptian king) orders that all Israelite male babies should be killed. Two midwives – Shiprah and Puah – defy Pharoah’s orders and let the babies live. Why could these two women muster up enough courage to do what no one else seemed able to do? What was special about them?

Think about the last time you held a baby – the sweet baby smell, the heartwarming little cries, the tiny fingers and toes, the little expressions that are so innocent and pure, untouched by the knowledge of good and evil that will confuse and change them as they get older. A newborn baby is an adorable bundle of potential, an unblemished hope for a better future.

Of all the people in Egypt – the Israelite slaves worked to the bone, the Egyptian citizens living under Pharoah’s capricious rule, all of them soaked in an atmosphere of oppression and trauma – who can see past the darkness? Who can see even the slightest spark of light? Who has a vision of a better tomorrow, a future filled with hope?

Perhaps it’s the women whose daily work is staring into the eyes of unblemished hope. Are the midwives reminded every single day that this world is teeming with potential, with goodness and light? How does regularly staring down that potential give them the courage to keep it alive, despite the risk?

How can we learn to look at our own surroundings through Shiprah’s and Puah’s eyes? Is there a way to look at what feels like wreckage in our relationships, in our communities, in our country, in our world, and find hope for something better? Can we believe in this potential so strongly that we find the courage to take action? Could the birthplace of courage actually be faith?

**How do you hear God speaking to you? How does God speak new life in you?  
What does courage mean to you? How do you speak courage in the world?**



## SPIRITUAL CARE REQUEST

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

**Prayer Request:** Prayer Ministers will pray for your request(s) listed below.

### IS THIS PRAYER REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL?

☐ Yes. Share with the prayer team only. ☐ No. First name can be shared on the congregational prayer list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### I Would Like:

- ☐ To pray with someone over the phone or in person.
- ☐ Someone from the Spiritual Care Team to contact me.