



July 12 – 13, 2025

Blessing

Numbers 6:22–27 | Mark 6:7–12

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

Friends of Bluegrass Band

Just a Little Talk with Jesus
(prelude; bluegrass band only)

I'll Fly Away

The Unclouded Day

Amazing Grace

Sweet Hour of Prayer *(instrumental)*

Let Nobody Drag Your Spirit Down
(postlude; bluegrass band only)

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Communion (Saturday 5:30)



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am (outdoors)

If you're planning to attend an outdoor service, bring a lawn chair and watch for weather alerts at popmn.org.

Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

Bruce's last day | Sunday | July 27 | 9:00 am

Join us for Bruce Becker's last worship service playing the organ!

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Volunteer for Worship Arts Camp | July 28 – 31 | 9 am – 4 pm

Register to help out with this fun camp at popmn.org/wac

Mission Outpost Backpack Giveaway | \$20 equips a student!

Participate by taking a tag from a School Supply Drive table and returning your donation to the Welcome Desk by the end of July.

Baptism Orientation | July 20 | 11:30 am | 129 Commons

Explore what baptism means for you, and what the process is like at POP. Anyone is welcome! Contact Dawn: dridgway@popmn.org

Looking ahead – Save these dates

Registration for family ministry opens in August!

The Leadership Launch event is scheduled for August 19!

Rally Sunday festivities will take place on September 14!

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Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



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*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. — Numbers 6:24–26*

These are the words that God instructs Moses to share with the priests – Aaron and his sons – who in turn will use them to bless the Israelite people.

What does it mean to have God bless you? How does that feel?

What does it mean for God to keep you? What does that imply?

What does it mean for God's face to shine upon you? How does that feel?

How is God gracious? Do you think God is gracious to everyone?

How does it feel to have God's countenance upon you, to SEE you? What does it mean to be seen by God?

Does that feel peaceful or uncomfortable? How does God give you peace?

Is there anything we need that God does not provide in this blessing?

Read Mark 6:7-12. Jesus sends the disciples out two by two to be a blessing to others. The text doesn't tell us which words Jesus asks the disciples to share, but let's imagine it's the text from Numbers 6. Imagine the disciples traveling around, telling people that God will shine on them, be gracious, see them clearly and give them peace.

Would those words have sounded like good news?

Do they sound like good news today? Are they good news for everyone, or just some people?

How can words bring peace or wholeness in a tumultuous time? Has that ever happened in your life?

Do you think words like these change lives, history, or trajectories? Why, or why not?

Jesus instructs the disciples to bring nothing extra with them. The disciples, who are telling others that God will bless and protect them, have to rely on God and strangers for their own hospitality, provision and protection. And if the people they encounter aren't open to their message, the disciples are called to move on.

Is it difficult to rely on God for blessing, protection and provision?

Is reliance on God something that comes easily to you? Is reliance on God a good idea?

How is God's economy different from ours? Do our lives regularly bless others?

How do you, as a disciple, provide things like safety, security and peace to those around you?

Is anyone left out, or left behind? Who are we not seeing?

How can we learn to lift our countenance upon those who need safety, security and peace the most?

Does it seem strange that Jesus tells the disciples to move on if their message is not being received?

Does this God want us to convert people, or is God after something else? What?

Does any of this sound like a God of wrath and punishment, or a God of comfort and compassion?

Are these verses consistent with the God we usually imagine in the Old Testament?

