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**REGULAR WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIME**

**SATURDAY**

6:00 PM Contemporary Worship

6:15 PM SPL KIDS Education Time

7:15 PM Community Group

**SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship

9:20 AM Education Time (Adults/Youth/Children)

10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 25th**

Christmas Day Worship "Still Seek Him" @10:00am

**December 30/31st**

New Series: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* begins in worship

**January 3rd** Registration available online at [SPLDECATUR.ORG](http://SPLDECATUR.ORG)

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session Begins (1/3-2/7)

Classes Resume - LSA (K-8 and High School)

**January 27th**

SPL Youth: Winter Jam (Scotttrade Center - St. Louis, MO)

**February 9th**

SPL Kids: Father-Daughter Dance

**February 10th**

SPL Women: Simulcast Event

**February 14th** Worship with us at 12:15pm & 6:30pm Wednesdays

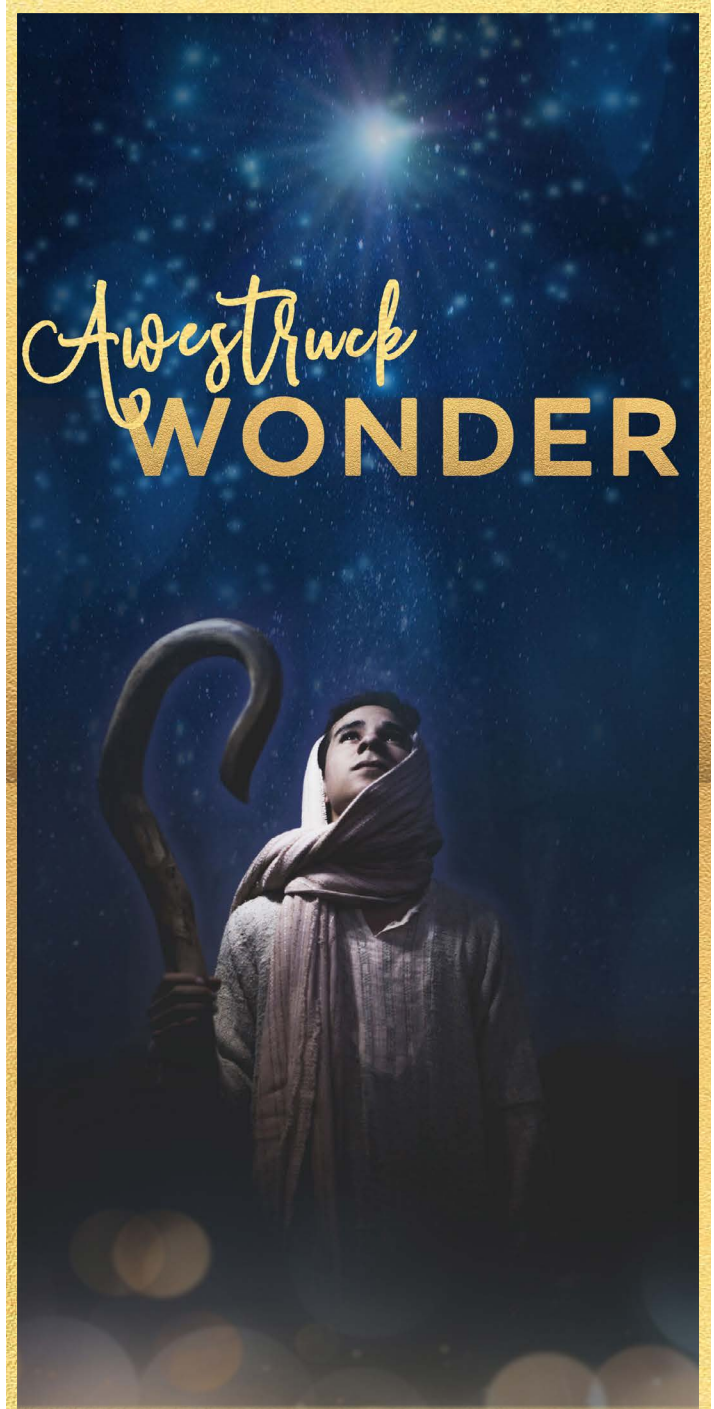
Ash Wednesday - Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

**February 16th-18th**

Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat @ Camp Cilca

**April 1st**

Easter Sunday (Worship at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am)



*Awestruck*  
**WONDER**

There were only a few *shepherds* at the first Bethlehem.  
The ox and the donkey understood more  
of the first *Christmas*  
than the high priests in Jerusalem.  
And it is the same today. --Thomas Merton

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**6:00 PM & 8:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**Pastor Eric Trickey**

**Pastor Mark Gearig**



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# Awestruck WONDER

CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00PM & 8:00PM WORSHIP

## Welcome Home!

### Call to Worship

SHEPHERD'S PIPE CAROL

### Welcome & Greeting

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Confession and Absolution of Sins

Lord Jesus, this most holy of nights brings me gladness, grief, and joy.

**GLADNESS**, because You left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world, to bring the light and warmth of Your Kingdom to a world so in need of Your love, Your peace, Your joy.

**GRIEF**, because You came into the world, yet the world did not receive You. You came to Your own, and Your own did not welcome You. Still today, people turn away from You. I turn away from You. Sin still scars Your creation and the hearts of Your own people.

**JOY**, because You offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of You. Cleanse my heart tonight, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome You as I long to, certain that I am also welcomed by You. **AMEN.**

REJOICE

### The Shepherds

LUKE 2:8-20

### Awestruck Wonder

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

REVELATION SONG

### Offering God Our Gifts

Our offerings, gifts and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



### Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

### The Light of the World

Please wait to light the candle you have received until the light has been "passed" to you by the person next to you. As you "light" your neighbor's candle, do so by saying, "The Light of Jesus for You."

PEACE, PEACE (SILENT NIGHT)

### The Blessing

Pastor: May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this night and always.

Pastor: May the God of love, who gave His only Son to be born for you, fill your life with love and peace.

Pastor: May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until He brings you into His eternal kingdom.

Pastor: And may Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People: AMEN.**

*Please extinguish your candle and return it to an usher as you depart from the Sanctuary.*

# Merry Christmas!

WORSHIP WITH US ON CHRISTMAS DAY  
AT 10:00AM

"Still Seek Him"