### welcome

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

## reservoir families

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programs and services just for them that happen concurrently with the 9:30am service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

## today's service

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON Steve Watson Senior Pastor

WORSHIP An opportunity to take Communion, receive prayer in the Chapel, and participate in musical worship.



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9:30am & 11:30am

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#### Genesis 32: 22-32 (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. <sup>23</sup> After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> "Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." <sup>29</sup> "Please tell me your name," Jacob said. "Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. <sup>30</sup> Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared." <sup>31</sup> The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the iniurv to his hip. <sup>32</sup> (Even today the people of Israel don't eat the tendon near the hip socket because of what happened that night when the man strained the tendon of Jacob's hip.)

#### Luke 18:1**-**8 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.<sup>2</sup> "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. <sup>3</sup> A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' <sup>4</sup> The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself. 'I don't fear God or care about people, <sup>5</sup> but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets iustice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"" <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. <sup>7</sup> Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give iustice to his chosen people who crv out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

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