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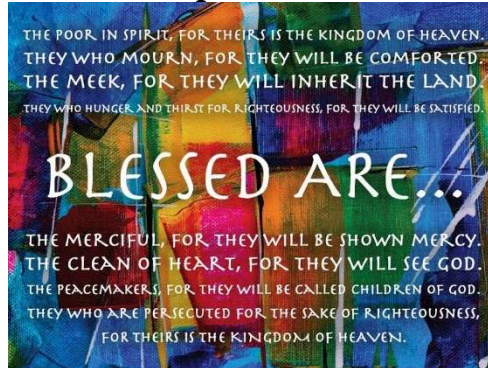
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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

January 31 & February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



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Psalms 15

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On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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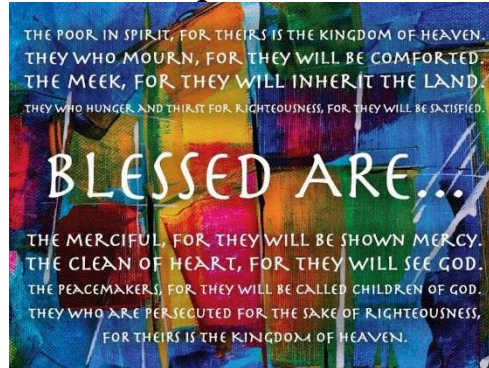
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