## **Dear Families:**

Today in Sunday School, we talked about the book of Psalms. It is very different from other books of the Bible. It is the longest book- with 150 "chapters." They are a collection of songs and poetry, expressing emotion and feelings over doctrine and history. The psalm we studied today- Psalm 111- is a Hebrew acrostic. By studying the psalms, we can understand the great feelings of joy and suffering that accompany the lives of fellow believers. The psalms let us know that we are not alone, and remind us that even though we may experience trials we should never give up our hopes and joys. God is even present in our art and creativity!

This week we paused our hot chocolate sales due to the Annual Meeting that was held after church. Hot chocolate sales will resume next Sunday, February 4. The following Sunday, February 11, is Scout Sunday. If you are a scout, wear your uniform to worship with us. You will be honored during the worship service, and are welcome to join us for our potluck lunch held immediately after church.

The youth are also planning another candle-making day in February during the schools' Winter Recess. We are planning on gathering Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Keep watching for further details!

Thank you for joining us today!

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