

## Dedication of Pew Bibles

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to dedicate the new Pew Bibles to the praise and glory of God. The purchase of the Pew Bibles was made possible with funds from Immanuel's Memorial Fund.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

ACM: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe

A member of the congregation reads Genesis 1:1.

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 1)

Pastor: You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

A member of the congregation reads Psalm 148:13.

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 646)

ACM: We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

A member of the congregation reads Isaiah 24:14-16.

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 722)

Pastor: You stretched out the heavens like a tent; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up.

A member of the congregation reads Ecclesiastes 3:1.

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 683)

ACM: You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets;

A member of the congregation reads Genesis 12:2-3.

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 10)

Pastor: Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

A member of the congregation reads Acts 1:8.

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 122)

ACM: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

A member of the congregation reads Luke 18:16-17.

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 83)

Pastor: Bless these Bibles, which we dedicate to your praise and honor. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures, and may your holy wisdom lead us to salvation.

A member of the congregation reads Luke 24:25-32.

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 92)

ACM: To you, O God, be all glory and honor

A member of the congregation reads Revelation 7:11-12.

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 271)

ACM: through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen**

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