**Don’t be too rigid to be changed by the Lord**

**Scripture for January 5, 2025 Morning Service**

*Luke 5:33-39* ***“*They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.” Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, ‘The old is better.’ ””**

*Mark 7:7–8* **“They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.””**

*Proverbs 16:5* **“The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.”**

*Isaiah 64:8* **“Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”**

*Ephesians 5 :25-27* “**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy,( cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,) and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”**

*Isaiah 43:18–19* **““Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”**

*John 15:5-6* **““I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”**

*Psalm 127:1*  **“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”**

*2 Timothy 2:20–21*  **“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”**