♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, January 4, 2015

"ALL THINGS NEW"

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Thanks for choosing to be in church with God's people in worship and the word on the first Sunday of a new year. What does the year ahead hold for us? There are things sure and plenty that is unsure. God's word has an encouraging word for uncertain times.

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