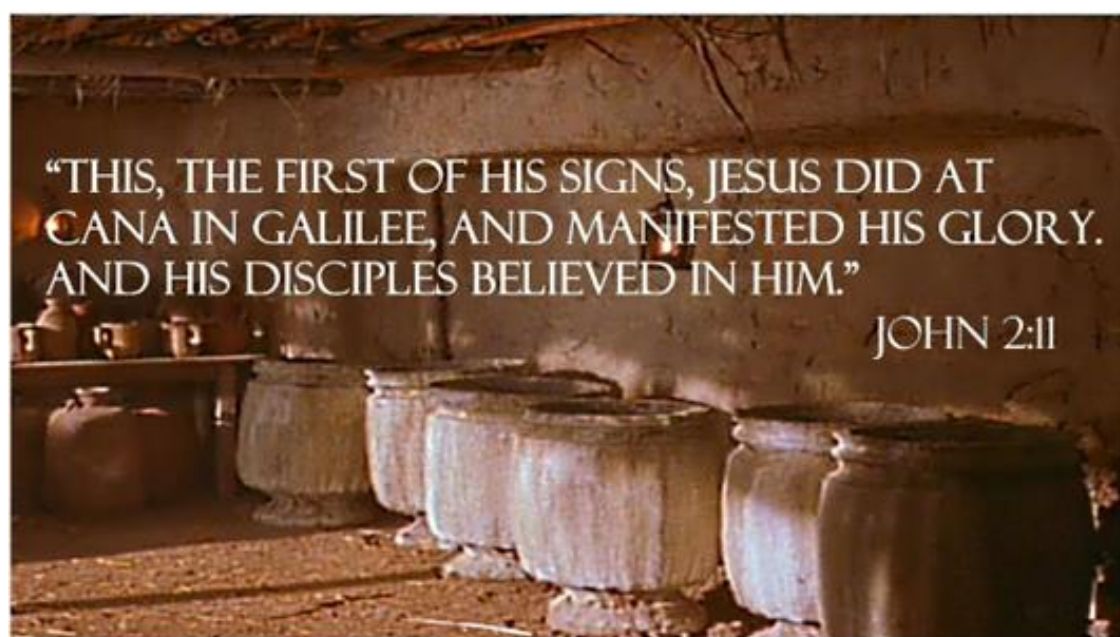


First United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 19, 2025



Strengthening and sharing our Christian
faith through fellowship and service

January 19 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Enter to Worship

This is a Time of Silence as We Prepare for Worship.

Prelude

Welcome

† Opening Hymn, No. 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

† Call to Worship

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

One: Christ is the fountain of life.

All: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

† Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalter No. 771

Psalms 36:5-10

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

† Gospel Lesson

The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

John 2:1-11

Sermon

Anthem

† Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

† Hymn, No. 103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayers of Intercession

A time of silence follows each petition.

In peace may we pray to the Lord, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, in every gathering of Christian believers, you bring together people of gifts, strengths, and needs to manifest the universal body of Christ. We pray for your church throughout the world, that every local congregation may live as sisters and brothers in harmony, showing forth the light of Christ to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In every age you raise up servant leaders for your people. We pray for all who teach and lead and for all that serve in the name of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sake of the common good of all people, you create human societies to be places of refuge and human flourishing. We pray for the leaders of the governments. May they receive wisdom to exercise government with true justice grounded in mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son, Jesus, performed the first of his signs of glory at a wedding in Cana. We pray for all who are joined as family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you are the giver of all good things: receive our prayers that we offer for ourselves and others and for our world. In all things, grant us the courage to exercise your gifts for the good of our world, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

† Doxology No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Closing Hymn, No. 2062

*The Lily of the Valley
I have found a friend in Jesus, he's everything to me, he's the fairest of ten thousands to my soul;
the Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole. In sorrow
he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay, he tells me every care on him to roll. He's the Lily of the
Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.*

† Prayer for the Renewal of Christ's Church

***Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.***

~ St. Teresa of Avila

† Charge to the Congregation and Blessing
Go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. ***Thanks be to God.***

May the Spirit's love, flowing like water across the face of the earth, fill you with every good gift for the good of the world. And the blessing of God Almighty be with you always.

Please remain in silence until the Postlude has concluded and all have been dismissed.

† Please stand as you are able.
Words in ***bold & italic*** are to be spoken by the congregation.

*Flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God, in honor of the FUMC staff.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Lay Reader: Beverly Yeoman

Ushers: LADIES TEAM

TO BE REMEMBERED
Prayers for Healing

Members: A.Y. Cooper, Yvonne Edwards, Sibyl French, Phyllis Kirts, Cindy Loving, Rita Potter, Jane Preston, Cathy Price, Lynda Rainey, Norman Shields, Nancy Vincent, Sally Walker, Barbara Yost

Friends: Phyllis Earley

January Birthdays for the week:

1/16 Mallory Joyce

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: This year we can make our homes more energy efficient. Fix the air leaks, use drapes to block the cold, change the LED lights, investigate possibilities for Energy Star appliances.

FOOD CLOSET NEEDS! As the shelves continue to be sparse at the food-bank, help our closet by bringing these items: **canned fruit, spaghetti & sauce, soups, and mac & cheese.** Thanks for your support.

UNDIES SUNDAYS — We will be collecting NEW socks and underwear for men, women and children in all sizes to be given to the PORT by January 26, 2025. This year the PORT is having over 100 guests a night. The need is great. Let's fill the basket from top to bottom!

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 19 ~ The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. 1Corinthians 12:4-5

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace. Luke 1:78-79, GNT

Guiding Star, you are the one Lord, forevermore. Your light has been made known to the world so that all may follow you. In this season of Epiphany, give us peace and rest so that we may share your love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Monday, January 20

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Isaiah 60:19

Jesus said, "And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." John 12:45-46

You are light, O God, the gift by which we see. You come to brighten the darkness, to help us to turn toward you. As plants follow the sun's rays, help us to follow your light. Help us to show your glory in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Tuesday, January 21

Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope. Psalm 119:116

Jesus said, "Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

O Lord, you have given us the promise of eternal life through your son, Jesus Christ. All you ask in return is to trust in you. Hold us to the covenant relationship; guide us on the path of faith. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday, January 22

Isaiah said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips." Isaiah 6:5

Paul wrote: I was formerly a blasphemer, persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy. 1Timothy 1:13

Savior, you have restored our souls and turned our hearts toward you. We have been unclean; we have blasphemed; we have not served you as we should – yet you still redeem us. Thank you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday, January 23

Do you think that you can fool God the way you fool others? John 13:9, GNT

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts." Luke 16:15

God of grace and God of glory, we try to fool you and we try to fool ourselves. When we lift ourselves up, feeling the need to justify our actions to others, humble us. Let all we do be done in love and service to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Friday, January 24

Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. Jonah 2:8, NIV

Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Philippians 2:3

Messiah, may our eyes be set on you, so that the idols of our times – all the distractions of the world – do not remove us from your presence. Guide us back to you; remind us that these are merely idols and do not stand the test of time. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Saturday, January 25

The Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors. Deuteronomy 30:9

Bless be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David. Luke 1:68-69

Mighty God, you have provided for us throughout the years, knowing that goodness and mercy shall come. Help us to see your providing ways. We are never forgotten — and never alone. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sun, January 19

9 am — Sunday School
10 am — Worship
11 am — Choir Practice
11:45 am — Hand bell Choir

Wed, January 22

10 am — Chapel
6 pm Bible Study

Mon, January 20

*Office & Preschool Closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Holiday*

10:45 am — Bible Study

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TITHES & OFFERING REPORT— December 30, 2024

Date	Budget Need	Offerings	Deficit
December	\$25,100.00	\$17,116.05	-\$78,793.69
Year To Date	\$261,040.00	\$182,246.31	-\$78,793.69

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Sunday Services: 9 am Sunday School; 10 am Worship Service

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