



**First United Methodist Church
Downtown**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

Service of Morning Worship

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INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing

James Rivers

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
O sing with the trumpet, with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
Let us sing, let us sing, let us sing, let us sing;
Let us sing, Amen!

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep; you
save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people
may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and
you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see
light.

**People: O continue your steadfast love to those who
know you, and your salvation to the upright of
heart!**

* OPENING PRAYER

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

*universal

* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

*Children are invited to come forward for a message and then to Children's
Worship. Preschool in Room 101 and Elementary in Rooms 208-09.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 641

Fill My Cup, Lord

FILL MY CUP

PASTORAL PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.
Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found at each exit
or by texting your request to 859-274-9471.*

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.**

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

Emma Lou Diemer

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,
Incline Your ear to us, and give us peace,
And give us peace.
Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Adoro te devote" Charles Callahan

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* MEMORY VERSE

**Isaiah 43:1 - But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

ANTHEM

Where Can I Turn for Peace?

Mack Wilberg

Where can I turn for peace? Where is my solace
When other sources cease to make me whole?
When with a wounded hart, anger, or malice,
I draw myself apart, searching my soul?

Where, when my aching grows, where, when I languish,
Where, in my need to know, where can I run?
Where is the quiet hand to calm my anguish?
Who, who can understand? He, only One.

He answers privately, reaches my reaching
In my Gethsemane, Savior and Friend.
Gentle the peace He finds for my beseeching.
Constant He is and kind, Love without end.

Constant He is and kind, Love without end.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 62:1-5, NRSV

SERMON

Living Into Your Name

Notes at <http://bible.com/events/49376535>

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

Diane Bish

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I will never, no never, no never forsake.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

Festival March

Norman Warren

* Please stand as you are able.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Jill, Lizzie, and
Carson Faulconer in memory of Danny Faulconer.

Nursery is available at both services in Room 103.

Listening enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available.
The ushers will be happy to provide them to you.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgists:

Rev. Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor
Barry Prince, Children's Ministry

Musicians:

Choral Scholars (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)

Rev. Gary Graves, Song Leader

Glenna Metcalfe, Associate Director of Music/Organist

Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Todd Nelson, Senior Pastor

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Happy 2025 Friends! Many people make New Year's Resolutions at the beginning of each year, so let me ask you, what are your goals for your discipleship in 2025? Something we care deeply about at the Downtown Community of First United Methodist Church is helping people grow in their love of God and love of neighbor, so no matter if you've been a disciple of Jesus for many years or if this idea is completely new to you, we are thankful you are with us. As you settle into worship today, know that you are good right where you are--you don't have to have it all figured out and in fact, the extravagant love of God hopes you don't have it all figured out, for that is where His grace abounds. So lean in, keep your bulletin handy, and let the love of God fill you. Our hope and prayer is that you are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as you worship and as you grow in discipleship.

Our staff and pastors are here for you and if you would like more information or to chat sometime, please reach out--email us or stop one of us after worship. We are thankful for you and look forward to worshiping with you for the first time or the millionth time. To God be the Glory!

In Hope,



Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor



Let us know you were here!

Fourth Quarter Stewardship/Attendance Update

Full financial details can be found in this past Friday's email newsletter.

Sunday School Attendance (avg. weekly)

2024 - 130
2023 - 128

Worship Attendance (avg. weekly)

2024 - 278
2023 - 263

Giving

2024 - \$1,211,026
2023 - \$1,102,774

Other Income (parking, rent, etc.)

2024 - \$114,628
2023 - \$117,004

Expenses

2024 - \$1,282,891
2023 - \$1,202,410

Surplus (Deficit)

2024 - \$42,762
2023 - \$17,368

Our activities to be involved in and in prayer for:

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30 AM Worship service, Sanctuary
9:50 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:50 AM Discipleship 2025, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship service, Sanctuary
3:30 PM Ann Orr Bible Study, Parsonage
4:30 PM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM Fusion, Youth Cafe

Monday, January 20, 2025

Church Offices Closed
7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
9:30 AM Journey Companions, Parsonage

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM Board of Trustees, Room 111
7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee, Room 111
7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
10:00 AM Book Study--*Inspired*, Room 107
6:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
7:00 PM Happiness Study, Zoom
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13

Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
8:30 AM Men's Bible Study, North Lime Coffee and Donuts –
North Limestone
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, January 24, 2025

7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:30 AM Worship service, Sanctuary
9:50 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:50 AM Discipleship 2025, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM Fusion, Youth Cafe



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