



**First United Methodist Church  
Downtown**

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

**February 16, 2025**

# Service of Morning Worship

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INTROIT

***Jubilate Deo***

William Strickland

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before His presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God!

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 421

***Make Me a Captive, Lord***

DIADEMATA

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

From *Black Liturgies* by Cole Arthur Riley

Leader: God of peace and God of uncertainty, You hold us in our entirety.

**People: Show us what it means to be people of deep and abiding reverence for the beauty and connectedness of everything everywhere.**

Leader: Remind us that the dust beneath us transcends our own humble existence, and let our hardened exteriors soften in the presence of the Holy.

**People: You who formed us from the dust and who gave us breath, we honor you in our breath and behold the beauty of your creation.**

\* 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. 337

***Only Trust Him***

STOCKTON

## 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 My Prayer, O God***

Jacob Arcadelt

Hear my prayer, O God, turn not from me:  
Hearken unto the voice of my supplication.

## OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

***He'll Bring It to Pass***

Joseph Joubert

Markel Reed, *soloist*

Just tell your Savior all about your troubles;  
He'll be your lighthouse while the danger lasts.  
If you just stay down on your knees,  
And tell Him, "Jesus, please."  
And I know He'll bring it to pass.

Look at Paul and Silas in the Roman jail:  
They know their Savior would never fail.  
No chains can bind you when you're on your knees;  
'Cause when you got Jesus, you don't need no keys.

Just tell your Savior all about your troubles;  
He'll be your lighthouse while the danger lasts.  
If you just stay down on your knees,  
And tell Him, "Jesus, please."  
And I know He'll bring it to pass.

Look at old man Daniel in the lions' den,  
Amongst all of them lions and wicked men;  
Then the Lord said, "Daniel! Tell them who I am,  
And every lion will become a lamb."

Just tell your Savior all about your troubles;  
He'll be your lighthouse while the danger lasts.  
If you just stay down on your knees and pray,  
Then in His own good time and way;  
If you lean on Jesus, He'll bring it to pass.

Look at Pharaoh's army in the rolling sea:  
While Moses and the children on the other side free;  
Then Moses cried, "Pharaoh! Man, didn't you know:  
Can't no man stop me when the Lord says go!"

Just tell your Savior all about your troubles;  
He'll be your lighthouse while the danger lasts.  
You just stay, oh, and pray;  
If you lean on Jesus, He'll bring it to pass.

He'll bring it to pass,  
He'll bring it to pass,  
I know He'll bring it to pass!

\* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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

**Matthew 6:24 - No one can serve two masters.  
For you will hate one and love the other;  
you will be devoted to one and despise the other.**

ANTHEM

***Purer in Heart***

Richard Huggins

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be;  
May I devote myself wholly to Thee:  
Watch Thou my wayward feet,  
Guide me with counsel sweet;  
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be;  
Until Thy holy face one day I see:  
Keep me from secret sin,  
Reign Thou my soul within;  
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be;  
Teach me to do Thy will most lovingly:  
Be Thou my Friend and Guide,  
Let me with Thee abide;  
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10, NRSV

SERMON

***Pray. Wonder. Laugh. Lament.***

Notes at <http://bible.com/events/49390226>

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

No. 170

***O How I Love Jesus***

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Brittany Colleen Benningfield

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (11:00)

THE CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE

***Go with God***

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

Go with God, go with God;  
As you leave this place, go with God.  
God will direct your way, God will light every day;  
As you leave this place, go with God.

POSTLUDE

***A Festal Postlude***

John G. Barr

\* Please stand as you are able.

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  
Tyler Mattox-Frye, Youth and Visitation Pastor  
Barry Prince, Children's Ministry  
Musicians: Choral Scholars (8:30), Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Glenna Metcalfe, Associate Director of Music/Organist  
Dr. Brock Terry, Director of Music  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Todd Nelson, Senior Pastor

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Welcome to the Downtown Community of First United Methodist Church! Whether this is your first time in this church (or any church) or you've been a member here for decades (or somewhere in between), it is no accident that you are here today and we are better with you here. Discipleship is at the core of who we are Downtown, and helping you grow in your love of God and love of neighbor is my calling and my passion. You will see and hear things around the numbers **1, 3, 12 and 70: Discipleship by the Numbers**, taken from the very practices of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are wondering what this means in your life, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

When you are ready, I would love the opportunity to help you get connected beyond worship and the Downtown Sanctuary. Growing in love of God and neighbor happens through Discipleship by the Numbers and my hope is for every one of us to find our deeper places of connection. Not to mention, our Sunday School classes and small groups are incredibly fun places too! You can stop me after worship or email me and we can set up a time to meet ([carol@lextogether.org](mailto:carol@lextogether.org)). I look forward to our visit.

In Hope,



Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor



Let us know you were here!

***Our activities to be involved in and in prayer for.***

- Sunday, February 16, 2025**  
8:30 AM Worship service, Sanctuary  
9:50 AM Sunday School for all ages  
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, February 17, 2025**  
7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13  
9:30 AM Journey Companions, Parsonage
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13  
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
- Wednesday, February 19, 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, February 20, 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, February 21, 2025**  
7:15 AM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Room 13
- Saturday, February 22, 2025**
- Sunday, February 23, 2025**  
8:30 AM Worship service, Sanctuary  
9:50 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 AM Worship service, Sanctuary  
4:30 PM Confirmation Class  
5:00 PM High Street Neighborhood Center Trivia Night,  
Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Fusion, Youth Cafe

**Weekly Friday Email** -- For a full list of announcements, subscribe to the weekly Friday email at [downtownlex.org/connect](http://downtownlex.org/connect) or pick up a printed copy located at the Sanctuary entrances.



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