

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude—Martin* Mrs. Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Greg Dunlap, Liturgist

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

P: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

P: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

P: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

P: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

L: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

P: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* No. 540

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 New Testament pg. 4

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Let It Shine: Blessed* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *Blessed is the Lord—Paxton*
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord—Schrader* Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Cares Chorus* TFWS No. 2215

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blest Are They* TFWS No. 2155

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jack Collins' 90th birthday on February 4. They are given by his family.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Greg Dunlap

Greeter: Jane Turner

Acolyte: Crosby Eitner

Usher: Mike Turner

Children's Church: Jane Roseberry

Nursery: Heather Quinn

Counters: Cindy Smith, Glenda Thompson, Dan Walters

Serving Next Week (February 5):

Liturgist: Linda Dunlap

Greeter: Pat Cundiff

Usher: P. D. Hambrick

Children's Church: Mittie Hambrick

Nursery: Peggy Hodges

Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, January 29** 5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
- **Monday, January 30** 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, January 31** 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, February 1** 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, February 2** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, February 5** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
Following Worship, “Share the Love” Potluck
- **Monday, February 6** 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 7** 4:30 p.m., Building Committee Meeting
- **Monday, February 13** **March Newsletter Deadline**
- **Sunday, February 19** **Scout Sunday**
8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Please join us after church today at 12:30 p.m. for a reception for Jack Collins' 90th birthday on February 4. No gifts please. – Martha Collins & Family

Youth, we'll be meeting tonight at the church at 5:00 p.m. to cook for the Warming Shelter. After we've put the food together, we'll be heading over as a group to serve it to those gathered in the warmth tonight. Please note that your pickup will be from Redwood UMC tonight, around 7:30 pm.

Join RMUMC for a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 5 after worship in the church fellowship hall to “share the love” with church members, families, and friends. We will celebrate LOVE and just have lots of FUN! Bring all your family and friends and a potluck dish to share.

All women of the church are invited to the Ladies Bible Study that begins March 7. We will be studying “The Armor of God” by Priscilla Shirer. We will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room (Redeemer's SS Classroom). Books will cost \$25 per person. Please notify Linda Walters (757-635-0109; lindaw@shentel.net) or Peggy Hodges (540-263-2470; peggyjhodges@hotmail.com) as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can order books. Invite your friends and family to come too!

The Franklin County Office of Aging is holding its seventh annual “Soup for Seniors” non-perishable food collection during the month of January and will end the first week in February. The food items needed for the elderly include low sodium soups, crackers, canned meat, and peanut butter. Please no glass containers or expired items. Your items can be put in the plastic bin in the Narthex or you may take the donations directly to the Office of Aging, Essig Center, 295 Technology Drive. Thank you so much for helping to end senior hunger in our community!

There are 2022 Treasurer Reports available just outside the narthex on the radiator so you may examine the state of the church's finances.

Copies are available of the 2023 officers, outside of the sanctuary, in the narthex.

Congratulations! We collected 98 pounds of canned food for Heavenly Manna. We are collecting rice and cereal for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

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