Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 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 I Need Thee Every Hour—Payne Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Dunlap, Liturgist

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

- P: We are the salt of the earth.
- L: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.
- P: We are the light of the world.
- L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.
- P: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.
- L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.
- P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE This Little Light of Mine No. 585

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN Where Children Belong TFWS No. 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:13-20 New Testament pg. 4

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

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Let It Shine: Lights of the World Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY

I'll Praise My Maker—Page

(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

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Share the Table—Shackley

Chancel Choir

No. 12

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle. All offerings left at the Rail are used in our "Helping Fund," supporting emergency needs for Franklin County residents.

(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN Blest Are They (vs. 4 & 5)

TFWS No. 2155

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

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*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. Banks

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The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Peggy Santrock's 91st birthday on February 8.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Linda Dunlap Greeter: Pat Cundiff

Acolytes: Caleb Godfrey, Bella Godfrey

Usher: P. D. Hambrick

Children's Church: Mittie Hambrick

Nursery: Peggy Hodges

Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Serving Next Week (February 12):

Liturgist: Greg Dunlap

Greeters: Bobby and Glenda Thompson

Usher: Benny Gibson

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Mittie Hambrick

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

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, February 5 Following Worship, "Share the Love" Potluck

5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting

•Monday, February 6 11:00 a.m., United Women in Faith Meeting

7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

•Tuesday, February 7 4:30 p.m., Building Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers

•Wednesday, February 8 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday

7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

•Thursday, February 9 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

•Next Sunday, Feb. 12 10:00 a.m., Small Groups

10:55 a.m., Worship

•Monday, February 13 March Newsletter Deadline

•Sunday, February 19 Scout Sunday

8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

•Monday, February 20 Middle Schoolers' Ski Trip

•Wednesday, Feb. 22 7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service

•Thursday, February 23 Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Join RMUMC for a potluck lunch today 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!

This week in youth, our topic is going to be "How Do I Know What's Right?" We're going to have a good old fashioned discussion about some controversial topics that the youth choose. We'll talk about how we articulate our viewpoints from a place of faith. In Methodism, we have an approach called the Quadrilateral (we view ideas from the vantage point of Scripture, reason, tradition and experience). Come out for the discussion, games, and potential huge candy bag that is in the offing.

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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!

We are collecting rice and cereal for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

Pastor Will is on vacation and out of the state from February 8-16. Pastors Sarah and Clayton Payne at Redwood UMC will be on-call for any pastoral emergencies. The phone number to reach them is 434-258-9515.