SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 21, 2024 - 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fulfill our Mission to "make disciples for Jesus Christ" by following our Pathway:

> Living our faith. Nurturing families. Serving our communities.

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Freeman, Bell, Molter Trio

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Boruff

Come before your God with praise and ONE:

thanksgiving.

The joy of God is our strength! ALL:

ONE: Join with the heavens and the earth in telling

The goodness of our God.

ALL: The joy of God is our strength. let us

worship God, who revives our souls!

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath. come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

INVITATION TO KIDS WORSHIP

Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade are invited to First Kids.

OFFERING TO GOD INVITATION **OFFERTORY**

Rev. Boruff

Freeman, Bell, Molter Trio

"Nothing But the Blood"

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

"When I Survey" Freeman, Bell, Molter Trio

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Debbie Millikan

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Debbie Millikan

Joshua 1:7-9 (NIV)

⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NLT) ¹³ Be on quard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. ¹⁴ And do everything with love. This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #452 HYMN

- 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

SERMON

Building Strength

Rev. Boruff

*HYMN "Standing on the Promises"

#374 1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,

when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

*RESPONSE

The power of the Spirit is upon you.

We go forth as one body, one spirit, one witness to the promises of our God. Amen!

Please be seated

MUSIC OF SENDING

Freeman, Bell, Molter Trio

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able

Life.*

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WELCOME

Weekly Prayer Requests

- Pray for the children & staff at Gateway Childcare
- Pray for Dick Hines, Norm McCleery, and Brenda Whittaker as they recover from surgery
- Our love and condolences are extended to Betsy Epply and family in the death of her husband, Tom.

Announcements

- **GUESTS**: All guests have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Center. We are glad you are here today. Let us know how we can help you.
- Food @ First: 54 guests were served at Food @ First last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS: are ready and are at the Welcome Center for you to pick up.

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Bonnie Belangee, Jeff Dyer, Dick Falkenberry,

Ryan Falkenberry

Greeters: Jim & Marilyn Ault, Pat Walker Fellowship Time: Dave & Peg Peter

First United Methodist Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff Director of Family Ministry: Ally Hall Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger Pianist: Michele Murray Finance: Gene Brueggen

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Digital Communications: Matt and Erin Stout
Security: Richard Falkenberry
Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassiday
and Mark Murray
Custodians: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 1/21

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Fri 1/26 Church Office Closes at Noon

9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 1/27			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South	Downtown
Sun 1/28			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown



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