

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 19, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Karen Ambler
We make disciple of Jesus Christ by:
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.

***GREETING** Michele Murray
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Michele Murray

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Karen Ambler
ONE: Eternal God, source of all wisdom, we praise you.
ALL: Open the eyes of our hearts, so that we may see your truth.
ONE: Risen Christ, you whose word rings true, we greet you.
ALL: Open our ears, so that we may hear Your voice.
ONE: Holy Spirit, you whose light shines in us, and guides our way, we thank you.
ALL: Open our hearts, and give us courage to seek your wisdom.
ONE: Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us by Your grace.
ALL: Alleluia!

***HYMN** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #152
1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;

while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION
OFFERTORY

Karen Ambler
Sanctuary Choir

"Praise to the Lord"

***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**

Karen Ambler

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tim Kline

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.

***HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

OLD TESTAMENT

Tim Kline

Psalm 137 (NRSV)

Genesis 1:26-2:3 (NRSV)

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Mendenhall

Beginnings: Singing the Lord's Song

***HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mendenhall

***MUSIC FOR SENDING**

Michele Murray

"I've Got the Joy" arr. by Pepper Choplin

*Please stand as you are able.

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship:
Preacher: Rev. Dale Mendenhall
Worship Leaders: Karen Ambler & Tim Kline
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST: 49** guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **200 ENVELOPES/FAMILY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER:** February 2-March 2 envelopes numbered 1-200 will be available in the narthex. People select an envelope with the amount of money they would like to donate and return the envelope filled with cash or a check. All of the money will go directly into a Family Ministry Fund.
- **CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation will start on February 9th at 11:15 and will run for several months. Students in 6th grade and up are eligible to participate.
- **JOY LUNCH:** JOY Lunches for 2025 kick-off on Friday, Feb. 21 with Steve Jackson, Historian as our presenter. Lunch will be from Lee's Chicken. Make a reservation in the church office by Feb. 19.
- **MOVIE NIGHT/FIRST KIDS:** February 5 from 6-8 p.m.
- **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Your thoughts, prayers, insights, articles, poem and art are needed for the Lenten Devotional to be distributed at the beginning of Lent. Deadline for material is Feb. 17. Submit NOW!
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We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Ryan Falkenberry, Jeff Dyer

Greeters: Dave Crane, Pat Walker

Fellowship Time: Judy Whitney

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

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Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 1/19

9:00 am	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Mon 1/20

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown

Tues 1/21

9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	Grant Subcommittee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Wed 1/22

3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown

Thurs 1/23

Fri 1/24

9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
2:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook

Sat 1/25

9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
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Sun 1/26

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Youth Group-Student Ministries	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food at First		Downtown



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