

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 26, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Brown
We make disciple of Jesus Christ by following our
Pathway: **Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Arrows of the Almighty
"Gratitude"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Brown
ONE: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing
and proclaim with joy the good works God is
doing in our midst.

**ALL: We also gather today to pray for our
families, our community, and our world.**

ONE: We name the challenges that press in around
us, we lament the suffering in our world, we
declare our trust in God in the midst of
hardship.

**ALL: We, gather to hear and receive the Word
of God, and to encounter the life-giving
message of God's love.**

ONE: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready
your hearts. God is here.

**ALL: Jesus has come among us. The Spirit
brings the Word to life in our midst. We
are ready!**

***HYMN** "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #158
1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION
OFFERTORY** Bill Brown

"The Goodness of God"
Sanctuary Choir & Arrows of the Almighty

***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** Bill Brown

ANTHEM

"And All the People Said Amen"
Sanctuary Choir & Arrows of the Almighty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Staci Miller

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 "Have Thine Own Way Lord" #382
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

OLD TESTAMENT Staci Miller
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13, 22-24 (NRSV)
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Beginnings: God in Charge
Rev. Mendenhall

***HYMN** "Hymn of Promise" #707
1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise;
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;

there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mendenhall

***MUSIC FOR SENDING** Sanctuary Choir & Arrows of
the Almighty
"The Blessing"

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship:
Pastor: Rev. Dale Mendenhall
Worship Leaders: Bill Brown & Staci Miller
Music: Sanctuary Choir & Arrows of the Almighty
Sound Tech: Richard Cassidy
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!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 38 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, **February 21** with Steve Jackson, Historian as our presenter. Lunch will be from Lee's Chicken. Make a reservation in the church office by **February 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 **February 17.** Submit NOW!
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We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Debbie Millikan, Dick Falkenberry, Ryan Falkenberry

Greeters: Betsey Bachman, Charlie and Miriam Jones

Fellowship Time:

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

Finance: Gene Brueggen

Office Manager: Judy Whitney

Production Director: Matt Stout

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout

Security: Richard Falkenberry

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

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

Mon 1/27

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Budget Benders	Conference Room	Downtown

Tues 1/28

9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:15 pm	AACC Rehearsals	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:35pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Wed 1/29

3:00 pm	Coffee with Corrine		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bells Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown

Thurs 1/30

Fri 1/31

9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook

Sat 2/01

AA Meeting		East/West Parlor	Downtown
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Sun 02/02

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



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