

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 163**—*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Benediction—*Grace to You*—Tim Zuschin

Postlude—*Kremser* —Charles Callahan

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in loving memory of Charles and Naomi Putman by Joan Bowles and Family and

given in love to Bette Wink by Lee and Judy Miller.

Music—One License A-731491

Offertory Lyrics—Jubilate Deo - Peter Angela

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations” Psalm 100:1, 5

**Please stand as you are able.

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 am

January 26, 2025

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness—Diane Bish

Introit—Your Love O God Has Called Us Here—Tim Zuschin

Call to Worship

Listen! The heavens speak without words.

Give glory to our God!

The sun and moon reveal lessons beyond price.

Sing praises to Christ Jesus!

The wind whispers mysteries deeper than the sea.

Rejoice in the life-giving Spirit!

Listen! And share what you hear.

*Opening Hymn 131** —We Gather Together*

Invocation (please be seated)—

O God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn to what he would teach us.

With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings:

succor to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for

the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the

heavens—the whisper of the land and roar of the seas, the prayer of the caterpillar and

song of the flea. Speak to us through the fullness of creation, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:1-6; 14

Gloria Patri—Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal p. 70)

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—Fairest Lord Jesus—Hakes/Courtney

Epworth Choir

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:19-25

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"We Gather Together"

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

*Hymn of Response 557**—Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—Jubilate Deo—Peter Angela

Chancel Choir

*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 the People/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.**

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #131, We Gather Together

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!
3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #557, Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #163, Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

1. Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
3. Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
4. This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Lee Miller
Bob Ahonen	Lee Minier
Joanne Ames	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Debbie Amundsen	Becky Petty
Mary Ellen Atwood	Sandi Robinson
Dorothy Bates	Holly Ross
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Kathi Sawyer
Suzanne Callahan	Todd Schneider
Mary Griest	Kathy Walker
Jeff Iula	Betty Wenk
Dwight Konic	Mike Yeager
Judy Lewis	Rose Ann Youngkin
Kristopher Lewis	Tim Zuschin
Marge Magee	
Bonnie Michaud	

In our greater world: We pray for those who work outdoors and those seeking shelter. We pray for those fighting and affected by the LA wildfires. We lift up Peninsula UMC and Redeemer North Hill UMC.

CHURCH NOTES 1-26-25

Men's Time Out: Men's Time Out will meet Saturday, February 1, from 8:30 to 9:30am in Asbury Hall.

New Member Class: Thinking about joining First Church? We want to help you get connected through our Discipleship Pathway. Classes on the book *Disciple Like Jesus* begin February 2, @9:30am in room 321, led by Jim Kimble and Pastor Pippin. For questions and to sign-up, please contact Pastor Pippin, fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com, or use the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Gospel Meets Symphony: Join a Church Square outing to attend the fabulous Gospel Meets Symphony! Saturday, February 8 @EJ Thomas Hall The bus departs from First United Methodist Church lot on Third Street at 6:45pm. Our group ticket rates: \$32 for adults; \$7 for students/children (includes bus transportation). RSVP via the QR Code or the church office. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist/Symphony in the memo line.



RSVP HERE

Location Change: FUMC is joining the *Church Square* community at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 8, from 5-7pm for a "**Soup-er Bowl**" potluck dinner! Please bring a dish to share, and plan to have a great time of food and fellowship.

Boy Scout Breakfast: Mark your calendars for February 9. Beginning at 8am-12:30pm, the scouts from Troop 152 will serve a delicious breakfast in Wesley Hall as a thank you to the church for its continued support. The meal will be free of charge, however, donations would be gladly accepted. Join us as we celebrate our scouts and our partnership.

Winter Gear Collection: We need some winter gear! Any scarfs, hats, and gloves, donated for the clothesline outside can be placed in the collection area near the Library. Thank you!

Holiday Nuts: We still have a few bags of nuts for sale in the office. Stop in during office hours to pick them up (you may want to call ahead 330-923-5241).

2025 Altar Flowers: We are taking orders for Altar Flowers for 2025. The cost is \$40 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date contact Christy, 330-923-5241, or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

2025 Toddler Time & 2026 Registration: A program for toddlers aged 2 and their caregivers. This interactive class will feature music and songs, fingerplays and stories, art activities, and play. We have openings for 2025. We have the materials ready for preregistration for 2025-26 preschool school year. Please contact Jennifer at 330-923-5243 with questions about either program.

Anthem - Fairest Lord Jesus - Hakes/Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.