

**5th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING *He Hideth My Soul* Marti Lane
ANNOUNCEMENTS Buddy Butler
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler
OPENING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE, 707 *Hymn of Promise*
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST READING Isaiah 58:1-9a Joy Turner
PSALTER, 833 Psalm 112 April Butler
SECOND READING I Corinthians 2:1-12 Donna Ratzlaff
*GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20
*GLORIA PATRI, 70
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.
CHOIR ANTHEM *Broken for You* Hayford/Setke

SERMON "Letter and Spirit and Salty and Bright" Buddy Butler

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 880 The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895
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, for ever. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. All pray in silence. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.


SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
OFFERTORY *Wonder of Wonders*
*DOXOLOGY, 95 **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION
(Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.)

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 585 *This Little Light of Mine (traditional melody)*
*SENDING FORTH
*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE *Hymn of Promise, reprise* Marti Lane
*Congregation standing, as able

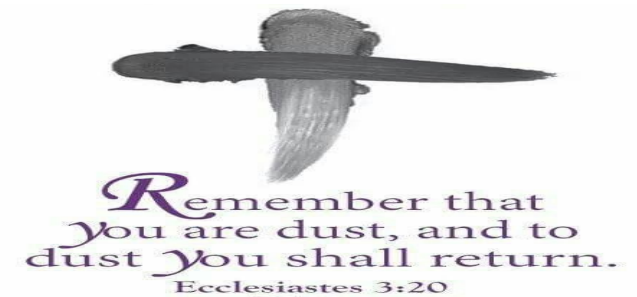


United Women in Faith

The February Meeting of United Women in Faith will be a Potluck Valentine's Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14. Please bring your spouse, or significant other, or invite a friend! This will also be our Pledge Service.

Remaining pecan pieces, glazed and cinnamon glazed pecans have been reduced to \$10 per bag. Thanks for supporting our charitable projects with your pecan purchases.

Our Ash Wednesday Service
will be held on
February 22, at 6 p.m.



The Minister's Convocation will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN, February 27—March 1. Pastor Buddy will be attending.

NewsLetter DEADLINE All news and calendar items for the March issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, February 16.**

Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director
Accompanist
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Shirley Starling, Charlie Stemmann
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Tom Canady, Cathryn McCarter, +Sheppie Dunn, Jeanne Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, +^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: the family of Garry Collis (late brother of Larry Collis), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn (home from hospital after long stay—friend of the Massengales), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Cards for Elaine Crowe may be mailed to her home address:
 440 Hamby Road, Murphy, NC 28906. Elaine is now at home after rehab.

Birthdays

6 Barb Bender, Lexi Loudermilk 10 Carolyn Smith

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

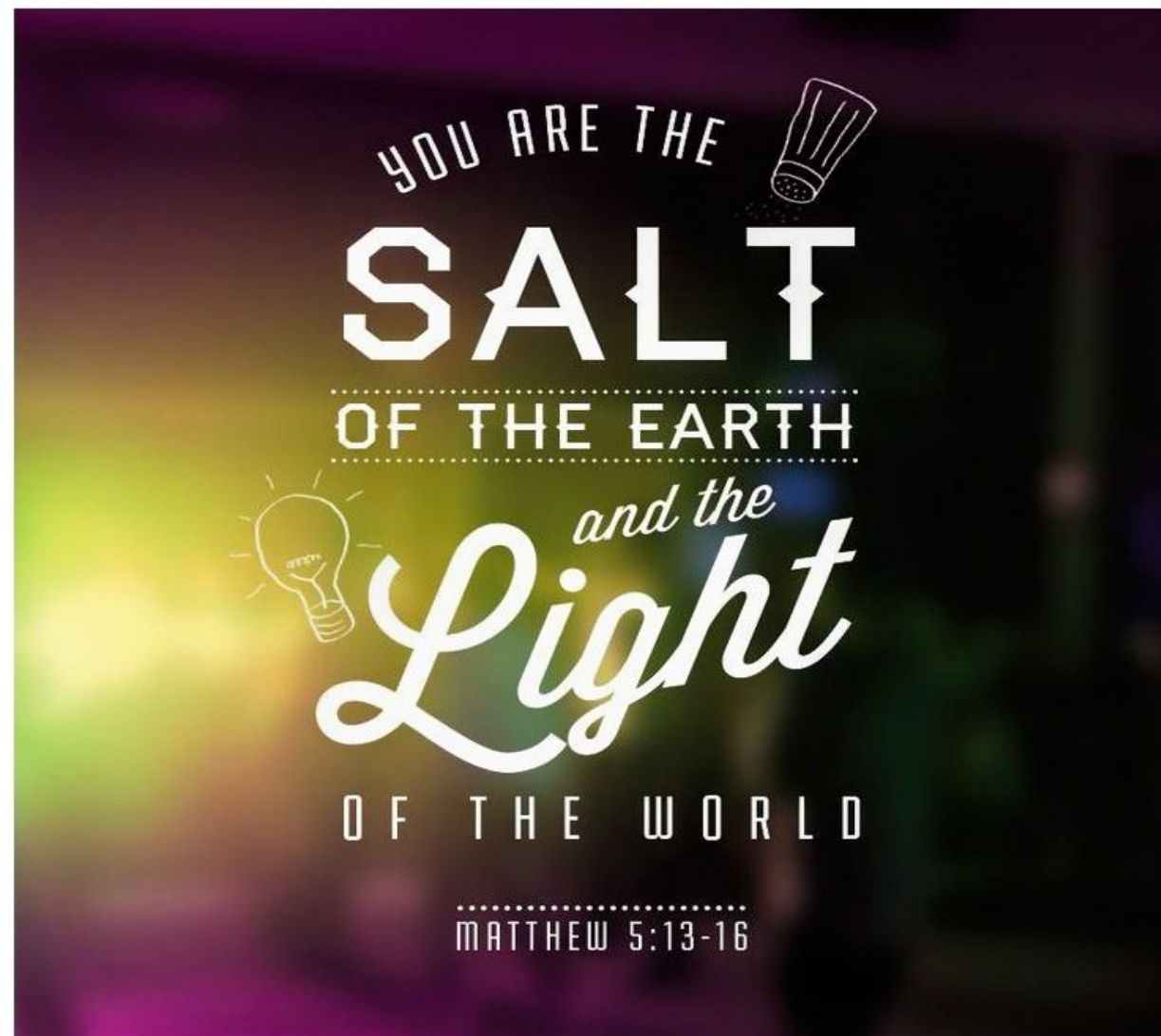
The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. 152 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Upper Rooms for January –February are available in the Narthex today.

Calendar

Today	Monday	Thursday
10:00 am Sunday School	4-6 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm AA Meeting
11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice	

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Everyone Welcome!