

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 4, 2024

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Matt Scoggins

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Marti Lane

PSALTER, 859

Psalms 147

Joe Dusombre

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Donna Ratzlaff

\*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

\*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

*Remembrance*

Words and music by Matt Redman and Matt Maher; Arranged by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

SERMON

“At Home With Jesus”

Buddy Butler

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, be peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. 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, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 8

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. All pray in silence.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

Matt Scoggins

\*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, 382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation standing, as able

The **SPR Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 6 p.m.

The United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m.-noon in Legacy Hall. Ann Rymer will present a program on making greeting cards. We will also have our Pledge Service. We will not have lunch but will have coffee and tea available. We invite all the women to join us for this fun activity. We have some extra pecans on sale at \$8 each: milk chocolate (7), glazed (12), and cinnamon glazed (2).



United  
Women  
in Faith



Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 14, at 5 p.m.

2023 **Contribution Statements** are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 169 free “to go” meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

**Church Leadership**  
**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Accompanist** Matt Scoggins  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Ushers**  
**A/V Techs**  
**Sunday Servants**  
 Elaine Morgan, Ron Singleton  
 Marti Lane, Randy Loudermilk  
 Ann Rymer, Jeff Walker



**Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** \*Glenda Simonds, Billie Ash (having surgery on Monday), Pam Wray (recovering from knee surgery), Abby Gamble, Lisa Loudermilk, Cathy Turner, Ethan Butler, Ciera Butler, Ron and Shirley Singleton, Ron Pace, Maria Ruark, Randy Loudermilk, Donna Ratzlaff, Juline and Denny Mixon, Kathy Panchyshyn, Elaine Minor, Jerry Panchyshyn, Jerrie Sue and Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Louise Arp, Barb Bender, Elaine Crowe

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** ^Shirley Sheffer, ^Tom Reed, ^T.J. Thompson (Pruitt Health, Blue Ridge)

**Others in our prayers:** \*Barbara Collins, \*Janis Martin, \*the family of Winfred Morris, \*Kathy Panchyshyn's mother, \*Monica Ledford, Tamsy, Charlene (friends of Dura Montgomery), Weldon Self, Jr., Clifton Hicks (Donna Sexton's father), Nichole (niece of Buddy), Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and Gaza, victims of natural disasters worldwide

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

**If there is someone you would like to add to our Prayer Concerns list, please contact the church office.**

**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.**

Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - **canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables.** *Thanks to all who contribute—the families are always grateful.*



**Church Website: [fumc-copperhill.org](http://fumc-copperhill.org).**

If you have an idea of something to add (or update), please email it to [firstumc@etcmail.com](mailto:firstumc@etcmail.com) or call 423-496-4931. *The website is especially important to persons visiting the area AND for local folks who find they need help. Thanks for helping us reach out in Jesus' name.*



<b>Today</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
10:00 am Sunday School	4—5:30 pm Community Meal	10:00 am UWF Meeting
11:00 am Worship	<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm SPR Meeting	

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*Jesus Heals Many*

Mark 1:29-39

*Everyone Welcome!*