

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 9, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude E. Bloch
"March" in F Major
Gathering & Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes
Choral Call to Worship Choir
"Surely the Presence"
*Hymn UMH 139
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*WORDS OF WORSHIP

(People read bold text.)

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

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We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

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Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

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Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn UMH 333
"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
2. Pray, 3. Shout
*Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message Pastor Cheryl
The Word in Music Choir
"Deep Waters"
Scripture Carolyn Trezevant
Luke 4:14-21
Message Pastor Cheryl
Optical Illusion

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Prayer Choir
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Naming Gifts of Abundance
The Lord's Prayer

GIVING

Offertory V. D. Thompson
"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

*Doxology UMH 95
*Hymn UMH 389
"Freely, Freely"

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
*Choral Benediction Choir
*Postlude J. G. Walther
"These Are the Holy Ten Commands"

*** Stand as you are able**

Worship Leaders

Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
Julio Villeda, Music Director
John Burkett, Organist
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month is the local Food Pantries. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with "Food Pantry" in the memo line, will benefit these missions. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



Upcoming Activities

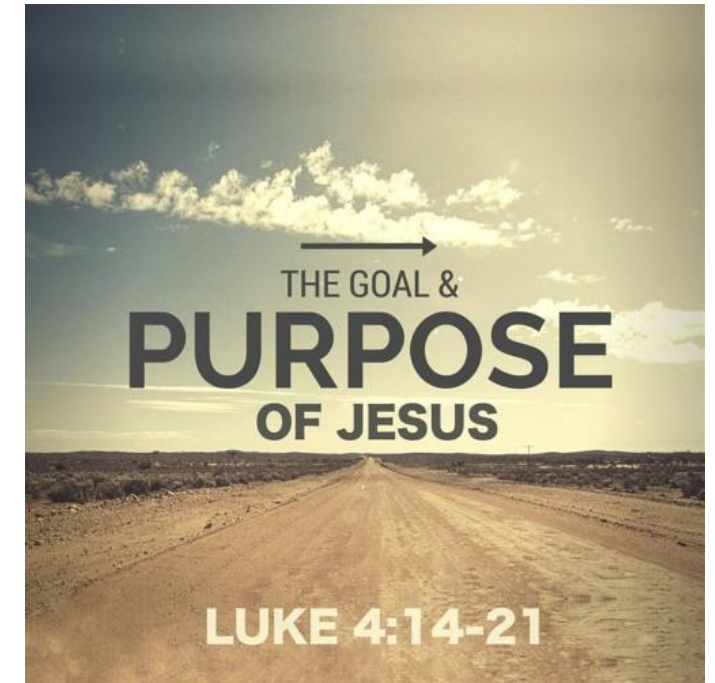
- Feb. 9 (Sun.) Souper Bowl lunch at 11. Join us!
- Feb. 10 (Mon.) Prayer Shawl meets at 9:30
Little Ark Committee meets at 5:00
- Feb. 11 (Tues.) Men's Breakfast at Texas Café at 8:00
Womens' Study Group meets at 3:00
Trustees meet at 6:30
- Feb. 12 (Weds.) Country Home Estates at 2:00
Music and More at 4:00 (Party)
WOW Dinner & program at 5:45
Adult Choir at 7:00
- Feb. 14 (Fri.) Little Ark Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 16 (Sun.) Valentine Luncheon at 11:00

Join us for **lunch today!** A love offering will be collected for the **Food Pantries**. And plan to join us next week for a **Valentine's lunch**. The meal

will be provided by the church.



- Our Country and its leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
- Family of Wayne Wymore
- Family of Stony Lingo, Bob McLeroy's Brother-in-law
- Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- Mike Clay
- Debbie Dunham
- Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth
- Judy Rudoff
- Diane Garcia
- Bill Heitholt
- Betty Martin
- Rose Stapleton
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Young
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Robert Seay
- Rita Thompson



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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10:00 a.m. Sanctuary