

February 2, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 86:11) Pastor John

Pastor: Teach me your way, Lord,

People: So that I can walk in your truth.

Pastor: Make my heart focused

People: So that I may honor your Blessed Name.

*Apostles' Creed Cindy Mykrantz

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace Cindy Mykrantz

*Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 121

*Prayer of Assurance Cindy Mykrantz

Faithful and Compassionate Lord, you are the shepherd of our life. Watch over us and guide us as we seek to honor the many gifts you have bestowed upon us. Give us the assurance that we are following the path that you have set before us, so that all that we say and do glorifies your Magnificent Name. Now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Blessed Savior, despite our repeated failure to live the way you instructed us to live, you somehow find it in your heart to shower us with your abundant grace and infinite mercy. Your unconditional love manifested itself on the cross at Calvary when our sins rested on your shoulders. Through your ultimate sacrifice and glorious resurrection, we have been given new life. So as we confess our sins, we also give you thanks and praise for the opportunity to be cleansed and purified by your precious blood, always and forevermore. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Jeremiah 17:7-8 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Colossians 1:21-23 Cindy Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Ephesians 3:14-21 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word Pastor John

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "Make Me a Servant" On Screen

Chancel Choir "My Hope is in You"

Message "Staying Grounded" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer John Finn

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Bible Study

Our Monday Morning Bible Study continues this week. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds on the lower level of the Education Wing. We are currently studying the Book of Exodus. Please feel free to join us.

Soup for the Souper Bowl!

Next Sunday, February 9, UWF is offering a pre-ordered take-out SOUP. A quart for just \$10 or a pint for \$5. You have a choice of Loaded Bake Potato or Chicken Noodle. Pick up time is after worship until noon. Deadline to order is TODAY. Order forms are available in the Narthex, or you may mark your attendance slip. You may pay at pick-up after worship. Proceeds support our local and global mission projects.

Claim Your T-Shirt

We have sizes small and XXL available. Please see Elizabeth Feldman. These shirts have been provided for our congregation at no charge.

Bedding Available

We still have a few new blankets and pillows available. If you know of an individual or family in need, we will be happy to provide these items at no charge.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans, reflect on our shared history, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial justice. As United Methodists, we are called to stand against racism. But, in order to move forward, we need to acknowledge Methodist (and other denominations) atrocities of the past. See more in the Acorn.



Praises and Prayers

God of Power and Might, we count on you for wisdom, guidance, protection, inspiration, and so much more. As we bow before you again today, we joyfully lift up your Sacred Name and present the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For the power of prayer in our church
- *For the new members who have joined our church
- *For Jennifer Adair as she continues to recover
- *For Caroline Lilburn as she recovers at home
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s friend, Linda, who is in remission

Prayers

- *For the family of Wilbur Bowers, who passed recently
- *For the family of Randy Case, who also passed recently
- *For the family of Jim Mowrey, who passed last week
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he recovers from a stroke
- *For Brad Kitchen as he prepares for surgery this month
- *For Lori Hauser as she recovers from a fall
- *For Katie Cantrell as she prepares to deliver her first child
- *For Patrick Finn as he works in California
- *For Kathy McConnell as she prepares for surgery
- *For safe passage for all who are traveling
- *For Bernie Schafrath who has ALS

Upcoming Worship Services

- February 09Love Is
- February 16.....Sick and Tired
- February 23Where’s the Beef?
- March 4..... Help! I Need Someone

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 2/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2/3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2/4	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/5	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 2/9	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Take-Out Soup	11:30 a.m.
Monday 2/10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2/11	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/12	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 a.m.
Saturday 2/15	Men’s Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Sunday 2/16	Fellowship Lunch	11:45 a.m.

Art and Soul

A small group experience for those who like to try new things and have fun with friends. We meet the first Monday evening of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. February 3 we will be working with polymer clay, led by Pam Domer.

Last Week’s Attendance: 40 in person..... 53 online
Last Week’s Offering:..... \$6,183.91

Thought for Today

Without the Bread of Life, you’re toast!

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*Serving God and Community
 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message

“Staying Grounded”