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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

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

C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

P: 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.

C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

P: 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.

C: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

P: 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?

C: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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.*

Opening Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth p. 92 UMH
vv. 1, 2, 6

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 19 (ESV)

L: ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C: ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

L: ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C: ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

L: ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C: ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

L: ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

C: ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

L: ⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

C: ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: ¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

L: ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Hymn – Stand Up and Bless the Lord p. 662 UMH vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

New Testament Reading – Luke 4:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Sermon – A Traveling Salvation Show

Closing Hymn – Blest Be the Tie That Binds p. 557 UMH vv. 1, 2, 3

Benediction & Commission

May the Holy Spirit bless you with inspiration to recognize and pay attention to all the ways the Word of God springs to life around you in the familiar rhythms and customs of your day, so that you may find and bring God’s love, peace, and hope wherever you go. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning January 27, 2025

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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Psalms 71:1-6

Luke 4:21-30

Announcements

- Ms. Judy Perdue, mother of our Pastor, Randy Perdue, passed away January 20, 2025. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at a time yet to be determined. It will be held at Grandview Memory Gardens, 38659 Gov. George C. Peery Highway, Bluefield, Virginia 24605. Once a time has been established, that information will be conveyed. Those who would like to make a memorial gift in Ms. Perdue's name are being asked to consider donating to the Western North Carolina Disaster Response. This can be done as follows:

Monetary Donations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>
or

Checks can be made out to *WNC Treasurer* and mailed to P.O. Box 2757, Huntersville, North Carolina 28070 with a memo of *Western North Carolina Disaster Response*

- A memorial has been given by Debra Dove in memory of her mother, Glenna Culler, who passed away on December 29, 2024.
- A memorial has been given by Norma Jean Harbin in loving memory of her mother, Adeline S. Harbin, for her January 12th birthday.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Ronald Howell
Tammy Seats Boyd	Amber Lambert
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Jeannette Lanier
Jane Bullin	Kevin McBride
Leisha Carpenter	Kevin McDaniel
The Family of Glenna Culler	Mark Megela
Joe Dean	The Family of Judy Perdue
Amanda Doub	Dawn Proctor
Ruby Driver	Jay D. Prevetie
Mack Edwards	Vivian Royal
Joanne Everhart	Mary Ellen Smith
Mary File	Kim Triplette
Garry Harbin	Mark Wall
Kathy Harbin	Ann Wallace
Lynda Harper	Robert and Susan Warren
The Family of Kaye Vaughn Hayes	Savannah Wooten

January Birthdays

Tommy Kellam	1	Renee Hunter	11
Payton McBride	1	Bonnie Joyner	24
Linda Bumgardner	3	Clint Gould	28
Carolyn McBride	5	Dawn Willard	29
Wanda Needham	5		

February Birthdays

Hunter Potts	1	Bobby Faircloth	17
Johnlee Disher	9	Heather Perryman	18
Josh Doub	10	Tom Beroth	21
Lilly Cousins	12	Jessie H. Harmon	22

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee,

or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!