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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



- P: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
- C: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.
- P: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."
- C: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.
- P: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."
- C: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.
- P: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."
- C: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

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.

Baptism – Everett John Sylva Pellington

Opening Hymn – How Firm A Foundation p. 529 UMH vv. 1 & 2

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral 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 1 (NRSVue)

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hymn – O How I Love Jesus p. 170 UMH

New Testament Reading – Luke 6:17-26 (NRSVue)

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is

great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Sermon – Rejoice In That Day

Closing Hymn – Trust and Obey p. 467 UMH vv. 1 & 4

Benediction & Commission

Beloved, go today in the blessing of Christ, who calls you, equips you, and accompanies you as you live out God's justice and joy wherever you go! Amen.

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning February 17, 2025

| Genesis 45:3-11, 15 | 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 |
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| Psalm 37:1-11 | Luke 6:27-38 |

Announcements

- The Administrative Board will meet in the Fellowship Hall on February 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
- The NOW Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on February 18, 2025 immediately following the Administrative Board meeting.
- A memorial has been given by Norma Jean Harbin in memory of Glenna Culler.
- A memorial has been given by Norma Jean Harbin in memory of Amanda Doub, daughter-in-law of Sherry Doub.

• A memorial has been given by Frances V. Gough in memory of her niece, Kaye Vaughn Hayes.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough All who are serving our country at home and abroad

<u>Church Family</u> Wayne Bumgardner Frank Dalton Sherry Doub Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham Barbara Perryman Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

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

February Birthdays

| Hunter Potts | 1 | Bobby Faircloth | 17 |
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| 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!