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In Your Hometown

**Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar
Worship Series, Wk. 3**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



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

P: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

C: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

P: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

C: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

P: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

C: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

P: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

C: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

All: 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 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God p. 110 UMH

vv. 1 & 4

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 71:1-6 (ESV)

L: ¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

C: ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

L: ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

L: ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

C: ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Hymn – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms p. 133 UMH vv. 1 & 3

New Testament Reading – Luke 4:21-30 (ESV)

²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” ²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet

is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

Sermon – In Your Hometown

Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II

Closing Hymn – Rock of Ages p. 361 UMH vv. 1 & 3

Benediction & Commission

May God our Creator renew in us the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world.

May Jesus the Christ uphold us in grace and love.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with courage

to be bearers of God’s song of hope in our hometown and beyond.

Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning February 3, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-13

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Psalms 138

Luke 5:1-11

Announcements

- None today

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

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

The Family of Judy Perdue

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

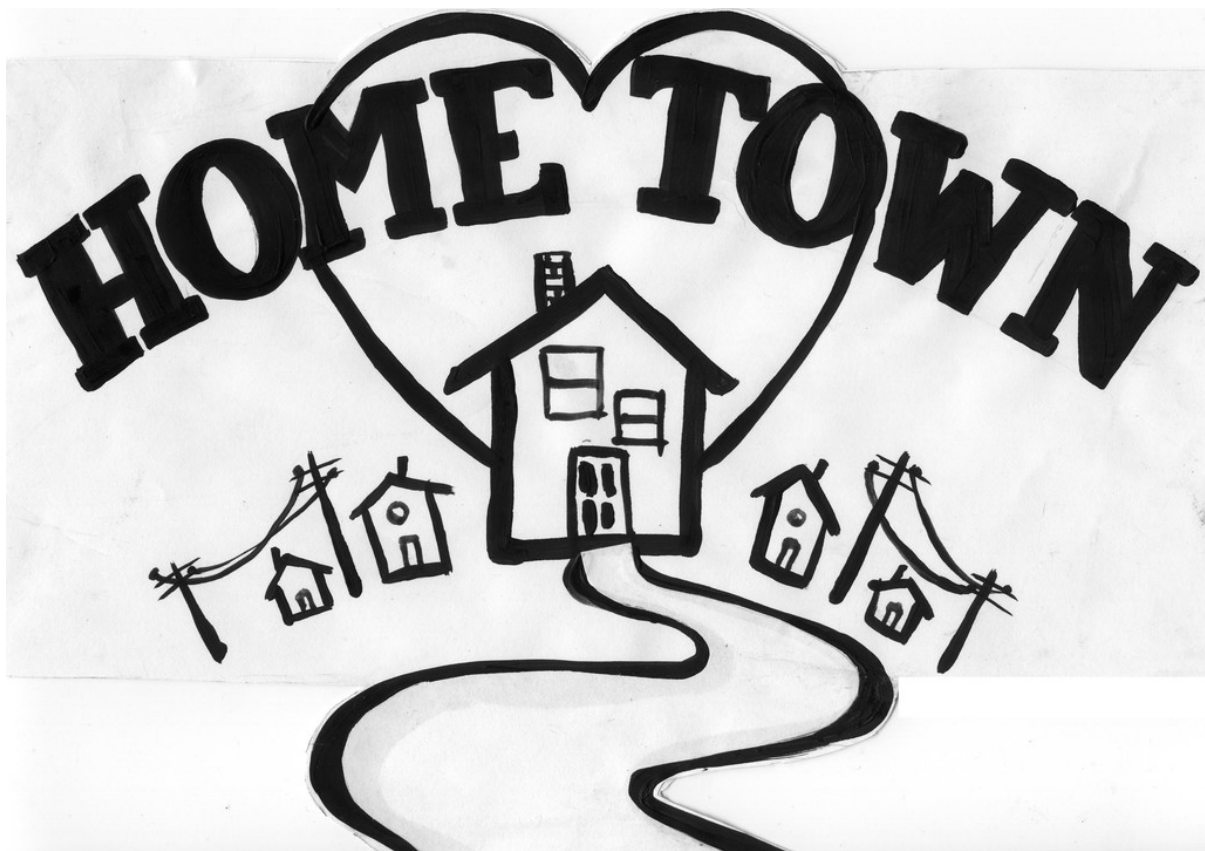
Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

February Birthdays

Hunter Potts	1	Bobby Faircloth	17
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!