

# Order of Worship

## Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025 —11 a.m.

“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at  
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

### CHIMES

PRELUDE “We Three Kings of. Orient Are” Carolyn Hamlin

CHORAL INTROIT 679 vs. 1

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

**Response: Come, let us proclaim God's might.**

Pastor: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

**Response: Come, let us live in God's light.**

Pastor: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

**Response: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, how shall we do Your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Help us trust You. Help us listen. Bless this church as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 224

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ann Courville

\*PSALTER Psalm 72 No. 795  
Response 1 Vs 1-8 Rev. Steffanie Pace

\*THE SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 1-5, 14  
Rev. Steffanie Pace

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Christianity—and Islam” Rev. Weldon Bares  
Major World Religions Sermon Series

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed No. 881

**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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

**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.**

OFFERING

(Please scan the QR code to give online)



\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” No. 95

HOLY COMMUNION No. 24-25  
Communion hymns: 249, 250, 254

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 251

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*BENEDICTION

### CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE “Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”  
From “Christmas Oratorio” Camille Saint-Saens

\*Please stand if able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Text in Church:** Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If you have not connected before, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions, please see Michelle.

**Discover FUMC** If you have been visiting FUMC, and would like to know more about the church and the United Methodist faith, please join us on Sunday, January 12th at 10:00 am in Room 109. If you don't know where Room 109 is, there will be someone in the Worship Center Welcome area as well as in the Paxton Hall area to direct you.

**GriefShare** At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. GriefShare will begin on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Room 106, and will continue each Tuesday until April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to register, please contact Rev. Steffanie Pace.

**"A Pastor's Reflection"** Rev. Weldon has published 140 of his favorite columns for "A Pastor's Reflection." The book is available in the church office for \$15.

**FUMCLC App** If you haven't already, please download our church app. On it you can access our livestreamed services, upcoming events, Rev. Weldon's perceptions and his articles, and much more! Just search "Lake Charles United Methodist" in the app store to download.

**Collection Corner** We have many opportunities for donations at FUMCLC. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels for Kaufman Elementary, peanut butter and jelly for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, socks, gloves, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!

**Sunday Small Groups** Every Sunday morning at 10am, our church has several opportunities for adults, children and youth to meet for Sunday small groups. We offer 6 adult classes on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, a children's wing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and a youth wing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Fellowshippers - Room 110  
Leap of Faith - Room 108  
Open Door - Room 107  
Young Adult Class - Room 106  
Believers - Room 304  
Great Expectations - Room 303

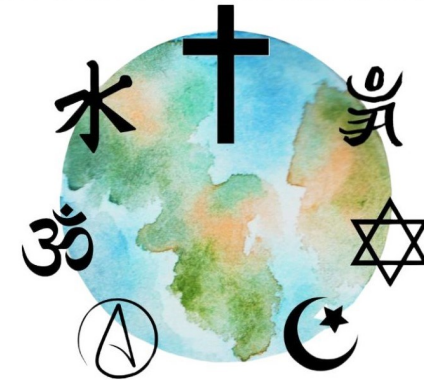
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