

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

**PRELUDE** (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME** – Large print bulletins and a hearing assistance system are available. See an usher.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

**Leader:** Are we ready? This question, put to us on this Sunday, is a very personal one. Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead, Are we ready?

**People:** **Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Leader:** Are we ready? Ready for the coming of Christ Jesus with the mercy which is judgement and the judgement which is mercy? Are we ready?

**People:** **Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**\*HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 40: 1-11**

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. <sup>4</sup>Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. <sup>5</sup>Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. <sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am, I

have come—it is written about me in the scroll. <sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.” <sup>9</sup>I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. <sup>10</sup>I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly. <sup>11</sup>Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*BLESSING THE OFFERING**

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs 1-3)***      UMH 139

**SCRIPTURE**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I always thank

my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup>He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**MESSAGE    “Promise of Faithfulness”**

**\*HYMN    *I Love to Tell the Story***

**UMH 156**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION    *He is Exalted***              **Red Folder 2070**

**EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

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**FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK** – Requests include canned meats, spaghetti noodles and sauce, jelly, baby diapers, boxed juices, and macaroni and cheese.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423

**NEWSLETTER** – Submit information to Paul Nelson at [pnelson37@gmail.com](mailto:pnelson37@gmail.com) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

**SOCIAL HOUR** – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

**Music Director: Mike Nelson**

**Videographer: Roger Vandegrift**

**Liturgist:**



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