



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

January 14, 2018
8:30AM & 10:30AM

"Human Relations Sunday"

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany--Green

Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30AM);
Hollis Beam (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence

Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude "Prepare Thyself, My Soul" Johann Kittel
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

❖✠ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3059
"Love Has Come" (v. 3 only)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls our name. **We wonder who is calling.** God calls our name.

We go another way. God calls our name. **We long to be here.** God calls our name. **We will listen for God's Word.**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 400
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (all 3 vv.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **O God, we come to You this day seeking an encounter. We confess that perhaps we have forgotten how to listen for a word from You. Maybe we doubt that You still talk today. Maybe we are not willing to listen, because we don't know if we can follow through if we do hear from You. Maybe we don't know where to begin. Forgive us, O Lord. Sit with us exactly where we are, and let Your grace compel us to grow in Your image. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "Grace" arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Rev. Brack
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON I Samuel 3:1-20

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3002
"Blessd Be Your Name"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY "A Flickering Light of Hope" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE (8:30 only) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 See Lectionary Insert

❖ SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM U.M.H. No. 39
Kynlee Cate-Lynn White & Philip Michael White

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895
❖ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

VIDEO CLIP . . . "Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." See Screens

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS . . . Special offering envelope for Human Relations Sunday (see insert)

OFFERTORY "The Lone Wild Bird" Prospect tune
Hannah Grace Strickler, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **Holy God, You create us and love us still. You call us by name and give us all that we need. May we honor You with the gifts that we bring. Use them to share Your love with a broken world, and use us as agents of Your grace. AMEN.**

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski & Butch Collins, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, LaVerna Reid, John Fleming, Shelli Raines; Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins (bro. of Cindy Penner), Bobby Cornelson, Betty Osmus, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Albert Seibold (lung cancer), Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee.

Joys & Concerns—Cheryl Justice; Gloria Loken (surgery to remove brain tumor); Cheri Payne (Brookdale); Michael Roulet (blood clots, son of Carolyn & Darrell); Emily & Jesus Otero & boys as they return from Peru; Kila Bergdorf; all those with the flu; Family of Rev. Sheila Combs-Francis; Beverly Pachy; James Adkins (new to W'WOOD #32, father of Cindy Penner); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; Janis Lovell; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Wanda Avant (Corn/Corn, #E-2); Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Alexi Kelley; Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Connor Altland; Kamdyn Taunton; Keri Strickler; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 128

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

God calls us, interrupting our lives. God needs us to speak words of truth. God asks us to follow. Be still. Listen for God's voice. God is still calling. Go forth with courage, for God has blessed you.

Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3063

"If I Could Visit Bethlehem" (vv. 1 & 3)

If I could visit Bethlehem what presents would I bring?
If I could see what happened then, and say, "I'm glad you've come."
I wouldn't take a modern toy but gold to pay for bread,
Some wine to give His parents joy and wool to warm His bed.

I'd say, "He'll never hurt or kill, and joy will follow tears.
We'll know His name and love Him still in twenty hundred years."
I cannot visit Bethlehem but what I can, I'll do:
I'll love You, Jesus, as my friend, and give my life to You.

POSTLUDE "How Wondrous and Great" David Johnson
Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."
MATTHEW 21:28

TODAY, JANUARY 14th . . .

. Welcome our newest baptized members this morning—**Kynlee White**, daughter of Philip & Kaylie White, sister of Emilee, Olivia, & Ava and granddaughter of Jana Smith. Also, **Philip White** joins us in his baptism & profession of faith today.

. You're invited to Second Sunday Fellowship Coffee, 9:30AM to 10:15AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to our hosts for today—Inquiry Class.

. 4:00PM—Board Meeting and Charge Conference at the Wesley Foundation.

Coming Up . . .

, Note to those with sensitivities—Terminix will be doing their regular spraying here in the church on Tuesday, January 16th.

, Todd Doyals, along with the pastor & some members of our Trustees will be attending the Active Shooter training provided by Homeland Security on Tuesday, January 16th, 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

, Wednesday, January 17th . . .

5:15P-6:00P-4M (Mid Month Methodist Meal) in the Fellowship Hall. Pot-luck. Everyone invited. Bring your favorite dish. "Wonderful Wednesday" begins for the Spring Semester.

, Melissa Jackson, Children's Ministry Coordinator, needs your help with light snack suppers for the children when they gather at 5:30PM for "Wonderful Wednesday." We need snacks for approx. 15 children. Sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Melissa at 620-655-8696.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.