



**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Weatherford, OK  
January 21, 2018  
8:30AM & 10:30AM

**"Human Relations Sunday"**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany--Green**  
*Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30AM);  
Shelby Calkins (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 "Tu Es Petrus" Franz Liszt  
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  
Jesus says, "Now is the time!" **Startle us, God, from our busyness  
and routines.** Jesus says, "God's kingdom is at hand!" **Deliver us, God, from  
faith in our own strength.** Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!"  
**Embolden us, God to trust You anew. We worship You now!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL  
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 344  
*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (vv. 1, 2, 4)*  
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Together, let us confess . . . **O God, we know that You alone are  
unshakable. You alone are our stronghold and our refuge. You deliver and  
glorify us, yet we fail to love and glorify You in return. We live as if we can  
save ourselves. Yet we are fragile as breath. And so, we confess our  
failings to You and to one another, trusting in your forgiveness and Your  
grace. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "Here I Am, Send Me" John Purifoy  
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

**II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS**

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd  
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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3101  
*"Love Lifted Me"*

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20  
*"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 "Responding When It Matters Most" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 62:5-12 See Lectionary Insert

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Sortie" Cesar Franck  
Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ 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 . . . **O God, may these gifts and our very lives be a  
YES to follow Christ's call. Use us and the offerings we bring this day, that  
Your peace, Your strength, and Your loving-kindness may be made more  
visible in the world. 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 Cornelison, 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**—Rose Ratcliffe; Curtis Adkins began chemo & radiation last week; Corey Shirey (coursework & ministry at NWOSU Wesley Foundation); Cheryl Justice; Gloria Loken (surgery to remove brain tumor); Cheri Payne (Brookdale); Michael Roulet (blood clots, son of Carolyn & Darrell); all those with the flu; Beverly Pachey; 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 (heart attack); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

#### IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 398

"Jesus Calls Us" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

#### ✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go forth and share the good news from God. **God rewards us and our deeds, not with doom, but with mercy.** Go forth and proclaim God's kingdom. **The world, as we know it, is passing away. We belong to God's kingdom, which is coming and now is.** Now is the time to BE the good news. **We go forth to tell the world the good news of the strength and mercy of our God.**  
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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Pachelbel  
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 14<sup>th</sup> . . .

. All hands on deck! We need some "muscle" this afternoon. At 1:00PM today, Royce Ramey needs help in moving all appliances out of the kitchen and pantry in preparation for the new flooring to begin tomorrow. Royce will have the equipment—we need you to provide the muscle!

. Sign-up at the Welcome Center for your appointment with LIFE LINE HEALTH SCREENING. They will be in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Coming Up . . .

, Cimarron District Lay Servant Training Event (Basic & Advanced)—February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Woodward Faith UMC. Registration brochures at the Welcome Center.

, 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.

, Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> . . .  
2:00PM—Devotional service at W'FORD Living Center. Come help us sing!

, Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Imposition of Ashes Service will be at 7PM. Our Lenten Bible Study, "Thy Will Be Done," will meet beginning Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4PM. Student books = \$5. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

, 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.