

✠ 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, 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, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford.

Joys & Concerns—Rose Ratcliffe; Brent Webb (deployment); Carol Wright (shoulder surgery recovery); Family of Albert Seibold; Family of Jared Penny; Family of Marilyn Thigpen; Vernell Snider (leg); Donna Taylor (heart surgery Jan. 25th); Ohan & Ro Armoudian; John Clay; Oma Hicks; families dealing with divorce; William Townsend; 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; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard W'FORD L. C. #305; All caregivers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

January 28, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

4th Sunday After the Epiphany--Green

Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30AM);

Brenda Kimble (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 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"
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
Come and sit at the feet of our teacher. Christ reveals the ways of God. Come and see that God's kingdom has drawn near. God sets the captives free and fills the needy with good things. Come and praise our source of courage and strength. The Spirit leads us in wisdom and truth. Come! Let us worship the Lord who leads us with authority!

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 67
"We They People Praise Thee" (both vv.)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Together, let us confess . . . O God, Your column of smoke terrified Your people of old. When You come to lead us in power and might, we are no less afraid today. Give us courage, Lord, to abide in Your presence. Lest we shrink from Your glory in fear, send us prophets to teach us Your ways. For we long to hear Your words and heed the lessons they teach. AMEN.

❖ ANTHEM "Fall Like Rain" Stan Pethel
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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3003
"How Great Is Our God"

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28
"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 "There Is One Lord Jesus Christ" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 111 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 "Pastorella" J. S. Bach
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 . . . God of splendor and might, You lead us across the wilderness of our lives, setting our hearts aflame; You teach us the ways of life and death and send us prophets to bless us with understanding and wisdom. May these offerings show our commitment to grow ever deeper in Your ways, through the One who leads us with authority. AMEN.

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 264

"Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" (all 3 vv.)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

May the love of God sustain you as you leave this place. **We go to share God's love with the world.** May the teachings of Christ guide you as you share God's wisdom with the world. **We go to share Christ's teaching with the world.** May the power of the Spirit sustain you as you continue your journey of faith. **We go to share the Spirit's power and authority with the world.**

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 "Safely Through Another Week" Rolf Unkel
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 28th . . .

. Sign-up at the Welcome Center OR register on-line for your appointment with LIFE LINE HEALTH SCREENING. They will be in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 1st. Instructions for on-line registration are in your pink insert today.

. You are invited to help us with our devotional service at 2:00PM today at the WeatherFORD Living Center. Max Leonard is a new resident there, room #305.

Coming Up . . .

, Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 14th. Our Imposition of Ashes Service will be at 7PM.

Our Lenten Bible Study, "Thy Will Be Done," will meet beginning Sunday, Feb. 18th, 4PM. Student books = \$5. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Each household is invited to get a Lenten Special Offering Folder—dollar-a-day for 40 days, along with your Lenten devotional booklet.

, Cimarron District Lay Servant Training Event (Basic & Advanced)—February 16th & 17th, 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.

, 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.