

# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany ▪ January 24, 2021

❖ **Please Stand, Bold Print**— Congregation Reads Aloud

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

**Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright**

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## PRELUDE

*Just As I Am*  
**Jennifer Bemis**

arr. Young

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

It is time to become focused, not on our wants or complaints but on God:

**In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.  
**The realm of God is not very far from any one of us, for in God we live and move and have our being.**

Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.

**The time has come. In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

*(by Bruce Prewer)*

## ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Jesus Calls Us*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Dr. Sterling Boykin**

**God of call, God of transformation, God of the journey of faith, help us to discern your still, small voice.  
Open us to change and growth, that we may walk with Christ. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

## PSALTER READING

**Psalm 62:5-8**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God,  
**who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER and OFFERTORY**

*Lord of the Dance*  
Caroline Miller and Parker True

arr. Rutter

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❖ **DOXOLOGY, whispered**

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

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**EPISTLE LESSON** Galatians 4:4-7

**MORNING PRAYER and 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Amy True

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1:14-20

**SERMON**

Jesus in Galilee: *Timing*

Dr. Sterling Boykin

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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. *\*universal***

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune in C*

Ryan

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Bruce & Jane Finley on January 22nd, and George & Oleta Hardesty on January 25th by Judge George Hardesty, Jr.

### **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

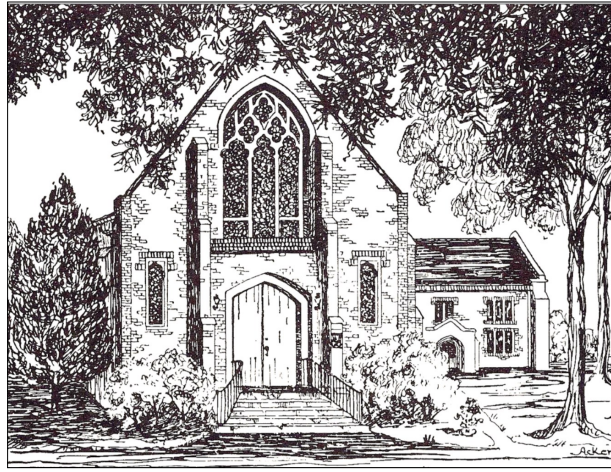
### **Galatians 4:4-7**

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” 16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **NOTES:**



**CIRCLE OF CONCERN:**

Please hold these members in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Mary Wit Fowler, Margaret Graham, Gina Gregory, Ervetta Haas, June Harter, Brenda Jackson, Freddie Jones, Jo Nusbaum, Thalia Laird, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Nyla Smith, Lon Spencer, Kathryn Willingham, Mulherin Home residents and staff\*, those with Covid\*, family members in cancer treatment, healthcare workers, first responders, and family caregivers. (\*new )

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**2021 GIVING UPDATE, JANUARY 17**

Giving Received:	\$	12,133
Giving Needed each week:	\$	16,156

**FAITHFULLY TOGETHER FOR 2021 CARDS:**

Operating Pledge Cards 98 totaling	\$	527,130
Building Pledge Cards 36 totaling	\$	95,750

**NURSERY** will be available for 4 families per service beginning on **January 31st**. Reservations through the Sign Up Genius link, first come, first served. Sign Ups open at 2:00 on the previous Sunday.

**DRIVE-IN SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON, January 24th**

Join us outside Fellowship Hall for a Drive-In Communion Service at 4:00 p.m.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021 —**

**Ascension Modern Service** — 9:00 a.m.  
 Wesley Class Sunday School — 9:00 a.m.  
     on Zoom (coachsp@bellsouth.net)  
 Children's Sunday School on Zoom — 10:15 a.m.  
**Traditional Sanctuary Service** — 11:00 a.m.  
 Columbarium Informational Meeting — Noon  
**Drive-In Communion Service** — **4:00 p.m.**  
 Youth Group @ the Portico — 5:00 p.m.

**Monday —**

Administrative Board — on Zoom @ 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday —**

Prayer Shawl Ministry — 10:00 a.m. (New Parlor)

**Wednesday —**

Mid-Week Devotional — website, YouTube, email

**Thursday —**

Men's Bible Study — 7:00 a.m. (New Parlor)

**2021-22 PRESCHOOL & MOTHER'S DAY OUT**

**REGISTRATION (ages 3 months to 4-year old Pre-K)** is open to all applicants on Monday, January 25, at 9 a.m. Forms are available at: [ashlandplacepreschool.com/registration](http://ashlandplacepreschool.com/registration). Questions? Contact Dir. Mary Hunter Fuller, at [mhfuller@apumc.com](mailto:mhfuller@apumc.com).