



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2024 ▪ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

— WE GATHER —

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Dr. Sterling Boykin

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew pads.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

Great Is the Lord
Alicia Luttrell

arr. Christopher

❖ OPENING PRAYER

Anna Shunarah

Almighty God, whose word is authority and power and whose way is love, grant unto us today clear minds, understanding hearts, and willing spirits so that we may wisely apply your word of truth. In the name of Christ. Amen.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 5, 7)

UMH 62

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
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❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Before taking your seat, please pass the Peace of Christ to those around you

— WE LISTEN —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER from Psalm 111

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works by giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;

They are established for ever and ever,

To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

The Lord sent redemption to his people and has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding. The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* (verses 1 and 3)

UMH 96

† *During the hymn, children of ALL ages are invited to come forward for a moment with the pastor. Children may return to their seats, or those up to 2nd grade may go to The Landing. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.*

1. Praise the Lord who reigns above
and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love
and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds,
praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds
let earth and heaven adore.

3. God, in whom they move and live,
let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give,
and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath,
as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath,
let all things praise the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.'

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

ACT OF PRAISE

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Chancel Choir

arr. Emerson

MORNING PRAYER

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.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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SERMON

The Epiphany: Holy Interruptions

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

— WE RESPOND —

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator 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*

♪ ❖ GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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In Christ Alone

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♪ ❖ DOXOLOGY

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.

— WE GO FORTH —

❖ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (verses 1-2)

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes

✠ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Silvia Suarez and Will Rath, who were married on Saturday in the Sanctuary.

WELCOME

We want to thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you. Feel free to fill out a CONNECT card (in pew rack or using this QR code), email or call one of our pastors, or to contact a staff member if we can assist you in any way.



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 28th –

- 9:00 a.m. **Ascension Modern Service**
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. **Traditional Sanctuary Service**
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday Ladies Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. (WP)

Tuesday Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m. (FP)

Wednesday Handbells, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m. (WP)

[FP-Fellowship Parlor, WP-Wisteria Parlor]

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these members in your prayers: John Allen, Ina Boykin, Jean Brown and son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton and Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Jane Ford, Josh Gochey, Ruffin Graham, Bill Higgs, Tee Hope, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Peggy Mann, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Billie Scobey, Alan Smith (Maria Coleman's brother), Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Bob Thomson, Joan Waldron, Kathryn Willingham.

(*New this week)

Ladies Who Lunch, February 4th

Ladies Who Lunch will be gathering on Sunday, February 4, in the Wisteria Parlor. Our hostesses will be Nancy Seibt and Linda Noble. Please make your reservation by Thursday, February 1, by emailing Chee Chee at lwstreet@gmail.com. Donation for lunch is \$10.00 and all ladies are welcome.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 4 New Sunday School Class [One] for 6th – 12th Students & Parents – on the first Sunday of each month in the Basement
- Feb 6 Mystics of Ashland Place, 12:30
- Feb 7 TJP, unload & package food, 10a.m.
- Feb 8 TJP Distribution, 9:30a.m. (DWCC)
- Feb 11 Mardi Gras Sunday / Joe Cain Day
9:00 Pancake Breakfast
10:00 One Service with the Excelsior Band
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
12:00 Drive Through Ashes
6:00 Service of Ashes, Sanctuary
- Feb 20 Pastor's Bible Study "Faith" begins, 6:00p.m.

Hymns for January 28, 2024

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