

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

****PRELUDE** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Paul Taylor/spiritual

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is calling each one of us.

P: Lord, help us to hear your call.

L: If you answer the summons, your life will be totally changed.

P: Lord, help us to be ready for that change.

Choir singing verse 3 of "The Summons" TFWs # 2130

L: There is so much "blindness" in our world

P: Lord, help us to give sight to those whose sight is impaired.

L: People may not understand and may ridicule us.

P: Lord, give us courage and strength to withstand the ridicule and taunting.

Choir singing verse 5 of "The Summons"

L: Lord, we come with willing hearts today to learn how to fulfill the promises given to the people.

P: Make us ready, O Lord, to be true disciples offering ministries of hope and compassion.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH # 185

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "A Creed for Epiphany Season"

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH # 70

ANTHEM “A Place of Love and Grace” by Tom Eggleston

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS “Lead Me, Guide Me” TFWS # 2214

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His name that we pray. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** “Open Our Eyes” TFWS # 2086

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

When Expectations Collide with Reality Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY “Take Thou My Hand, Dear Father” Franklin Ritter

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal 17-18 (Musical Setting A)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Everyone is invited to receive communion.

You do not need to be a member of this or any church.

***SENDING HYMN** “Living for Jesus” TFWS # 2149

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Praise Ye the Lord” Robert J. Hughes

ACTIVITIES - February 2- February 9

Today:

Trustee Meeting 8:30 A.M.

Monday, February 3

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, February 5

Pantry Delivery Truck Time 11:00 A.M.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 6

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, February 7

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, February 8

Men's Meeting at Bob Evans 8:30 A.M.

Pantry & Legal Clinic 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, February 9

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Faith Class: Worships at Brookhaven

Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Pastor's Office Hours:

Mon. & Wed. 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please call 614-353-2664 for appointments through the week (Fri. & Sat. emergency only.)

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Michelle Forshaw

Church Musician

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Fred Poland

Pantry Resource Coordinator

Donna McCoy

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Church Custodian

Vance Garner

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Jerry Gribler

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Jan Mains

Toddler Room Assistant

Susie Kurtz

VAN DRIVER FOR FEBRUARY 9

Van Request: Art -- 937 - 727-2626

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Isaiah 6:1-13](#)
- [Psalm 138](#)
- [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)
- [Luke 5:1-11](#)

PANTRY FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY

Pantry food truck delivery Wednesday February 5, 11 A.M. Please volunteer to help unload & restock.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BREAD

When you are shopping for your own groceries, please buy an extra loaf of bread and bring it with you on **February 2, 2025**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025



**4th Sunday
after
Epiphany**

Luke 4:21-30

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