

Entrance

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Get ready! A miraculous thing is about to happen!

What is this!

The powerful light of Jesus will transform your lives!

But we are unworthy to receive this light.

Jesus himself has proclaimed you worthy and beloved. Come, and live in the light.

Praise be to God and to Jesus Christ who has healed and redeemed us.

*Opening Prayer

The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus – Hymn 277*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here, so that we may all hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading – *Mark 9:2-9* Mindy Wilder

Sermon *Whiter than Snow* Mark Gustafson

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*Passing the Peace

Offering / *In the Garden* UMCers

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds – Hymn 557*

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Daryl Strickland (2/12) and Kenny Inman (2/15)!

Happy Anniversary to Alan & Beth Sasser (2/15)!

We pray today for Jazmin Salgado-Baza, Leslie Sinclair, Crystal Slater, Michelle McMillan, and Laurin McNeill at Elizabethtown Primary School.

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Announcements

Elizabethtown Community Lenten Services: (all at noon)

Feb. 14: Elizabethtown Baptist Church. Mark Gustafson preaching.

Feb. 21: St. Christopher's Episcopal. Dayton Wilson preaching.

Feb. 28: Elizabethtown Presbyterian. Brenda Flowers preaching.

March 6: Trinity. Jason Williams preaching.

March 13: First Baptist. Corey Lyons preaching.

March 20: Foundation. Rudy Ramphal preaching.

Ash Wednesday service: February 14, 7 p.m. at Bethlehem UMC. Rev. Priscilla Bennett will be preaching. We will have a pancake dinner before the service beginning at 6 p.m. Please RSVP as a courtesy for the cooks!

Building Committee: Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m. at the library.

Please plan to participate in our Lent study, which will be on *Simon-Peter* by Adam Hamilton. I will preach from the study each Sunday in Lent and then we will meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. to discuss. You may purchase the book and begin reading, as we will cover 1 chapter per week. This will start on Monday, February 19 at Bethlehem UMC and via zoom.

Note: We are working on increasing our online visibility. Thank you to Jessica Lopez and Lauren Sasser for volunteering to help in this arena! Anytime you see any posts from our church, please like, comment, share.

The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:

Mentioned 1/14/2024: Those affected by the winter storms; Those affected by the school shooting in Perry, Iowa; Those affected by the earthquake in Japan; Pat Taylor; Earl Pate; Alice, friend of Cindy Coble; Thomas Crinn; Susan Fisher; Betty Tatum; Paulette McDuffie; Debbie Harris; Susan Richardson-Price; the family and friends of Kelly Gray Smith, Harold Strickland, Bill Shell, Patti Carmody.

Mentioned 1/21/2024: Destone Merritt; Betty Davis; Joe's wife (Joe is a resident at Crossroads); Patty Scotten; Jonnie Moore; Laci Buffkin; the family and friends of Amira Johnson, two unnamed, separate, families losing a teenager and baby this past week.

Mentioned 1/28/2024: Kathy Lee; Tim Scotterd; Dunham Pate; Carol Brindenburg; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; Ginny Edge; Christy Smith; Chris Hill; Francis Ogden; Margaret Ledford; Faye Richardson; Jeremy McLean; the family and friends of Susan Fisher, Harold Hobbs, and Tryon Lancaster.

Mentioned 2/4/2024: Johnny Dowless; Earl Coble; Rodney Hester; West Coast flooding; Stella Batton; Jan Evans; Joyce Strickland; Betty Joyce Blackman; Mordekai Barfield; the family and friends of Rodney Lancaster.

Prayers this week: Chicky and Janice Robbins; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Mary Cain; Henrietta Martin; Jim Knotts; Linda Schaeffer; Beth Nance; Gene Woltman; Sylvia Wilson and family; Joy Grady and family; Freeman Taylor and family; Terry & Karen McPhail; Matthew Krause; Jacob Chavis; Cole Fisher; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain.

Grace United Methodist Church

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday Worship Service 8:30 am

Our Mission

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision

*We welcome everyone into the experience
of a different story!*

