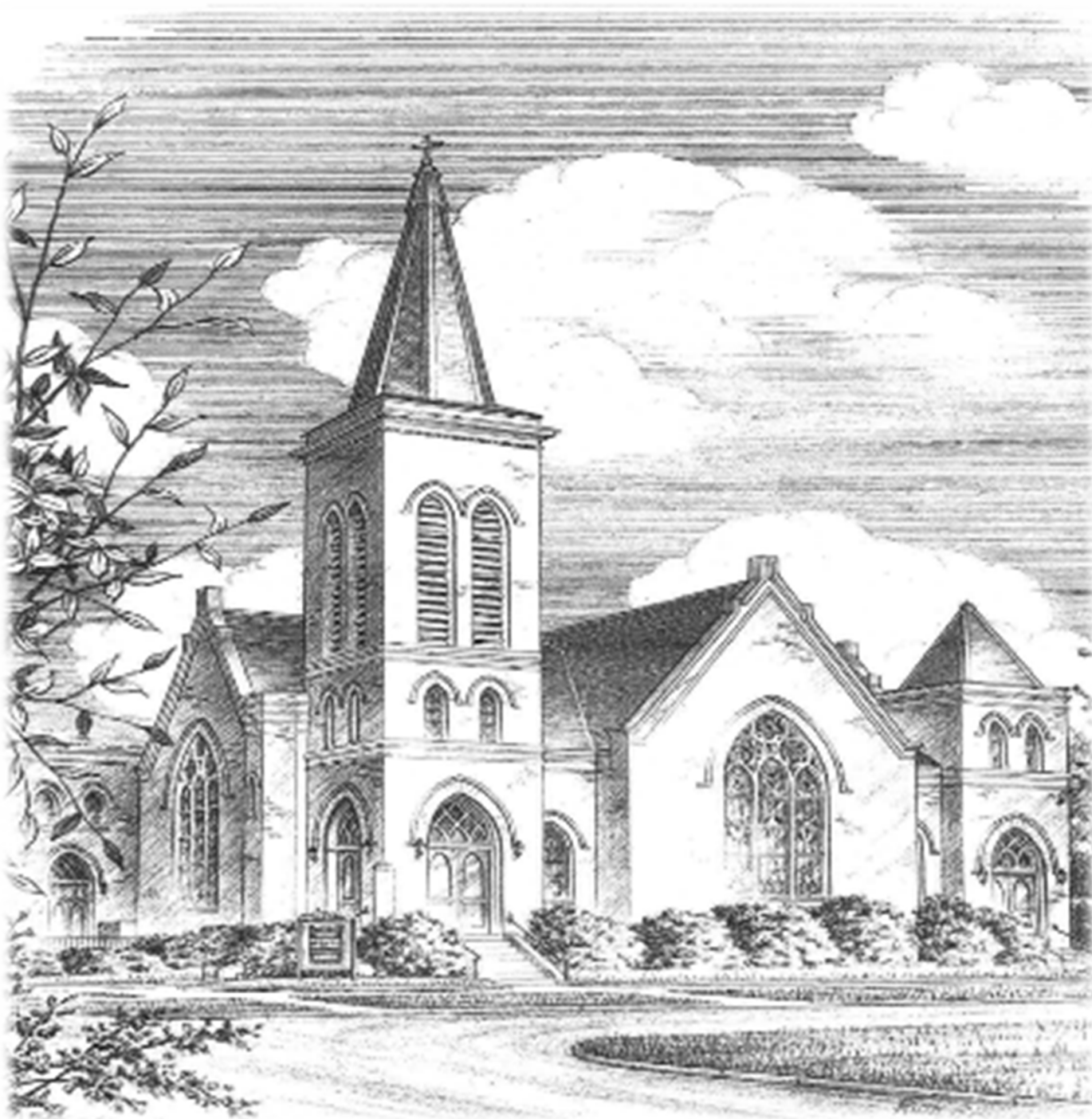


Duncan Memorial Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday



January 4, 2026

“Grace Might Reign”

Reverend William “Ted” Ragsdale

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+Congregation standing, if able. Congregation responses in **BOLD**.

GATHERING

Quiet conversation among congregants is encouraged.

PRELUDE

“Blessed Mary, Holy Mother”

R. Franz

Please observe a moment of prayerful silence as we enter our worship time.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KassiJo Lloyd

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ragsdale

Leader: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

People: **For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.**

+OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Hymnal Pg. 61

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal Pg. 881

*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.*

+GLORIA PATRI	“Glory Be To The Father”	Hymnal Pg. 70
<i>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.</i>		
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		KassiJo Lloyd
<i>Children ages 3 years – 3rd Grade are invited to Children’s Church.</i>		
CHURCH CONCERNS		Rev. Ragsdale
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Ragsdale
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”	J. Mansfield
+DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Hymnal Pg. 95
<i>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.</i>		
ANTHEM	“Christmas Communion Song”	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 6	Pew Bible NT Pg. 156
SERMON	“Grace Might Reign”	Rev. Ragsdale
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
<i>Communion will be shared by intinction at the altar, where you may come forward to kneel or stand. Ushers will guide worshippers to the altar at the proper time.</i>		
+CLOSING HYMN	“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	Hymnal Pg. 462
+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Ragsdale
POSTLUDE	“Raise Now Your Song on High”	L. Smith

To God be the glory, as we honor His presence with alter flowers and express our heartfelt gratitude for the gifts He has bestowed upon us. In appreciation, we thank pianist, Sandra Nihiser and organist, Karen Collins for their beautiful music that enriches our worship each Sunday morning, uplifting our spirits and bringing us closer to Him.

Weekly Calendar

Jan. 4

10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Chancel Choir Practice
11:00am Worship

Jan. 5

9:00am Counter – Cindy Shaw

Jan. 6

6:00pm Church Council Meeting (FLC)

Jan. 7

5:00pm LOL & The Bridge
6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Meal
6:30pm Choir Practice

This Sunday's Greeters & Ushers

Greeters: Rebecca and Emery Prevatte, Ann Koerber, Charlotte Moulton

Ushers/Offering: Paige Sawyer, Timmy Sessions, Lewis Dugan, Randy Stewart, Mitzi Vaimberg

We are glad you are here!

Welcome to Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. May this time of worship renew your spirit, draw you closer to God, and remind you that you are deeply loved and never alone.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir - Are you interested in joining Duncan's choir? If so, they would be happy to have you join them! If you would like more information, please call the church office at 843-546-5647.

2026 Altar Flowers –If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship, please add your name to the calendar in the back hallway or call the church office at 843-546-5647.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center (Gym) - Church Council meetings are always open to the congregation, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Our Faithfulness for December 28, 2025
Weekly Collection: \$7,015.00
Attendance:85

Transferred to the Reign of Grace.

Romans 5

I. Review Chapter 5

We were united to Adam, we inherited from our progenitor a sin nature, sins reign in our lives, and death it's condemnation (5:14,16,21). Through Justification by faith we are united to Christ and the results is that **grace now reigns** in our lives unto eternal life.

II. Because of our union with Christ certain things are true and real.

- A. **6:1-2** We cannot hold the notion that it is all right for the Christian to go on being under the reign of sin because we are saved by grace alone.
- B. We are joined to Christ so that we have secured the benefits of his death and we have secured the benefits of his resurrected life **vs. 3-4. Col. 1:13, Acts 26:18, Phil. 3:20, Eph. 2:18-19**
- C. We are by the Holy Spirit baptized into this union with Christ.
It is by the Spirit that we are united to Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:13**
- D. Christ died to the realm and reign of Sin and so because of our union with him this is our condition. **v. 5**
- E. We have been joined to him in his Resurrection **Vs. 6 - 10**
Christ died unto sin once, and never again. It can no longer master him. He came temporarily into the realm of sin and death, it will never happen again. He now lives unto God. This is his condition now and ours by union to him. **Eph. 2:6-10**

III. The Christian should reckon himself or herself as dead to sin and alive unto God. This not an experience but a fact because of our union with Christ. vs. 11-14 Because of this fact we should not allow sin to reign in our bodies or allow our bodies to be instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Four stages of man's moral condition (introduced by Augustine)

Innocent – able to sin (*Posse peccare*)

Guilty – not able not to sin (*Non posse non peccare*)

Grace – able not to sin (*posse non peccare*)

Glory – not able to sin (*Non posse peccare*)

5:21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

6:1 We (*being what we are*) how shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? ² *By no means!* We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

³ **Or don't you know** that all of us (*died to sin*) who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through (*our*) baptism into (*his*) death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory (*power*) of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If **we have been united with him** like this in his death, **we will certainly also be united with him** in his *resurrection*.

⁶ **For we know** (*common knowledge of the Christian*) that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹ **For we know** that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ **Likewise, count, reckon yourselves** (*recognize it as a fact and act on that fact*) dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² **Therefore do not let sin reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ **Do not offer** the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, **but rather offer yourselves to God**, as those who have been brought from death to life; **and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.** ¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 26:18 Jesus said, "I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

Eph. 2:18-19 "you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household"

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

Ephesians 2:6-7 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.