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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
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First Sunday after Christmas

***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

Prelude~ "Praise Him"

Welcome

***Opening Hymn~ "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**
#217 AAHH

Opening Prayer

***Offering**

Doxology~ "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650
AAHH

**Prayer of Illumination: Holy God, you cross every border
meant to shut out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read
and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and
faithfully follow whatever you lead. In Christ, we pray, Amen.**

***The Scripture Readings**

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 *I will recount the gracious deeds
of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all
that the LORD has done for us and the great favor to the house
of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said,
"Surely they are my people, children who will not act
deceitfully," and he became their savior in all their distress. It
was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in
his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them
up and carried them all the days of old.*

Ready to Join?

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and the date for you to join.*

What are our membership vows?

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church
as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal
and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to
covenant with God and the local church members to keep the
vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and
reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in
the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United
Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation
with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

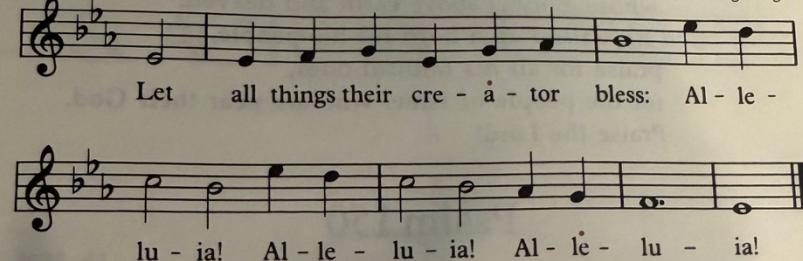
Outreach ministry requests that on the 5th Sunday, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.

***Psalm Reading**~ Psalm 148, Psalter #861-862 UMH

PSALTER 861

Psalm 148

Francis of Assisi
trans. by William H. Draper
Geistliche Kirchengesänge



RESPONSE (Morning Prayer & General)

Let all things their cre - à - tor bless: Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

¹**Praise the LORD!**

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!*

²**Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his host!**

³**Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all you shining stars!**

⁴**Praise the Lord, highest heavens
and all waters above the heavens! R**

⁵**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded and they were created,**

⁶**who established them forever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

⁷**Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,**

⁸**fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling his command! R**

⁹**Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

¹⁰**Beast and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹**Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

¹²*Young men and women alike, old and young together
old men and children!*

¹³*Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.*

¹⁴*God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the LORD! R*

***Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:10-18: It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Song of Preparation~ "More Than Enough"

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:13-23: Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get

up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

Proclamation~ Sis. Sheila Milburn

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Announcements

***Benediction~** Sis. Sheila Milburn