

McFARLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 1, 202311:00 AM

WELCOME

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

OPENING PRAYER

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are the God of our faith,
we enter into your gates with thanksgiving and praise,
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,
and we serve and bless you. Amen.

*HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE

UMH 224

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALTER RESPONSE

PSALM 72

UMH 795

EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

CHOIR ANTHEM

SOON AND VERY SOON

ARRANGED BY TOM FETKE AND RUSSELL MAULDIN

DIRECTED BY DAVID KAMMERDIENER

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-23

SERMON

THREE KINGS AND A SAVIOR

REV. WAYNE COOK

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

*HYMN

WE THREE KINGS

UMH 254

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

*HYMN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

UMH 251

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Information and Opportunities to Serve

Sunday School..... 9:45 AM
Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM
Choir Practice, Wednesday..... 6:00 PM

If you are visiting with us today, welcome. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us. There are visitor registration cards in the lobby that you can fill out so that we may have a record of your visit. If you need assistance or if you have a question, please feel free to ask an usher or your neighbor.

Announcements

The next **Common Grounds Free Store** will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Appointments will no longer be necessary. We need volunteers to both prepare for and staff the Free Store. If you can help, please see Ann Russell or Vicki Riddle. Please pray for God’s guidance in how you can help this vital ministry to our community.

We thank everyone who has helped to make our Sanctuary look so beautiful during Advent and this Christmas Season. We will list in the newsletter gifts that were given in memory of or in honor of individuals so that our Sanctuary may be decorated to the glory of God.

We welcome **volunteers** to help with ushering, sound, and visuals during worship. If you are interested in helping, please see Don Butcher, Ben Leonard, or Pastor Wayne



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