



**January 11th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | First Sunday
of Epiphany**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chancel Radiance | Carl Wilhelm Kern

Greg Daniels

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

Praise the Lord!

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Praise the Lord!

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

Praise the Lord!

We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Praise the Lord!

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Praise the Lord!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139 †

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

**May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Brittany Richardson Watson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 128 †

He Leadeth Me | United Methodist Hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Laura Elrod

Exodus 3: 1-12

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

Divine Disturbances

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Bless the Lord | Carlton Young

DOXOLOGY 94 †

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †

God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus - our comforter and disrupter. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 596 †

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations | United Methodist Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Greg Daniels

Song of Triumph | James H. Rogers

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, Shannon Webb, Greg Daniels, Shell Thomas

Liturgist: Laura Elrod

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone, Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Kim Keith, Lisa Warren

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Suzanne Mackey's parents, Ron and Joanne Ownbey, who touched so many people with their kindness and generosity. Given by Susie Smith.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Kaye Hoover, Hilda Thomas, Pat Blackstone, Donna Bair, Amelia Botteicher

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 11, 2025

9:00 am	First Word
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	First Tradition (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm	Beginner Taiko
2:30 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm	Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm	Canvas Community Worship

Monday, January 12, 2025

9:00 am	Flower Girls
1:00 pm	Community Café

Tuesday, January 13, 2025

7:00 am	Tues. Morning Bible Study
9:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:30 am	Worship Planning
1:00 pm	Community Café
4:00 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
4:15 pm	FANN
6:00 pm	Enneagram Book Study
6:30 pm	Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, January 14, 2025

1:00 pm	Community Café
5:45 pm	Handbells
7:00 pm	Choir

Thursday, January 15, 2025

10:00 am	PALS Small Group
4:00 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy