

✠ **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

✠ **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you. You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world. You are not too young or too old, you are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts you have been given. The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. AMEN!

✠ **POSTLUDE** “Christ Is the World’s Light” setting by C. Callahan Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon,
and Elizabeth Gibson

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE "Gentle Spirit" C. Callahan

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

People: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

Leader: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

People: ...to set the oppressed free.

Leader: Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

UMH 57

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God of the nations, show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make do with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

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 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. Amen.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

People: Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. Amen.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. by Robert Lay

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Praise God"

UMH 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH 338

✠ SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-30

SERMON

"Familiarity breeds contempt."

Rev. Howard James

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Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

Church Council Meeting Monday, January 20 beginning at 6:30 in the parlor.

The Office will be Closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Frozen Soup Sale! The United Women in Faith are now taking orders for their highly anticipated yearly frozen soup sale. Order forms can be found in today's bulletin or the church office. We ask that forms be turned in by January 27th. Soup pick-up will be on Friday, February 21st from 10:00-12:00 noon. A donation is requested as payment to help support local missions. Please reach out to a member of our United Women in Faith with any questions. Thank you!

Our Reaching Out group will meet Tuesday, January 28th at Southern Sizzler for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We invite any widows or widowers to please join us!

Blood Drive February 6th from 2:00-6:30 p.m. Please contact Peggy Huffman or Patricia Ray to reserve your time.

Souper Bowl Party February 9th after worship service in the church fellowship hall. Please join us for delicious soup, sandwiches, and good fellowship.

Prayer Concerns: Kyla Benton, Dick & Janice Simms, Cherlene Harrellson, Bob & Alma Deans, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Judy Curtis, Carolyn Nix, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, John Turner, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Jim Rabon, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Ongoing ministries:

Adult Sunday School: Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. at Dale's Seafood

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Food Bank: distributes food on the First and Third Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 01/12, Needed</i>	<i>\$11,620.00</i>
<i>As of 01/12, Received</i>	<i>\$12,443.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 01/12</i>	<i>\$5,818.00</i>
<i>Attendance 01/12</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>21</i>