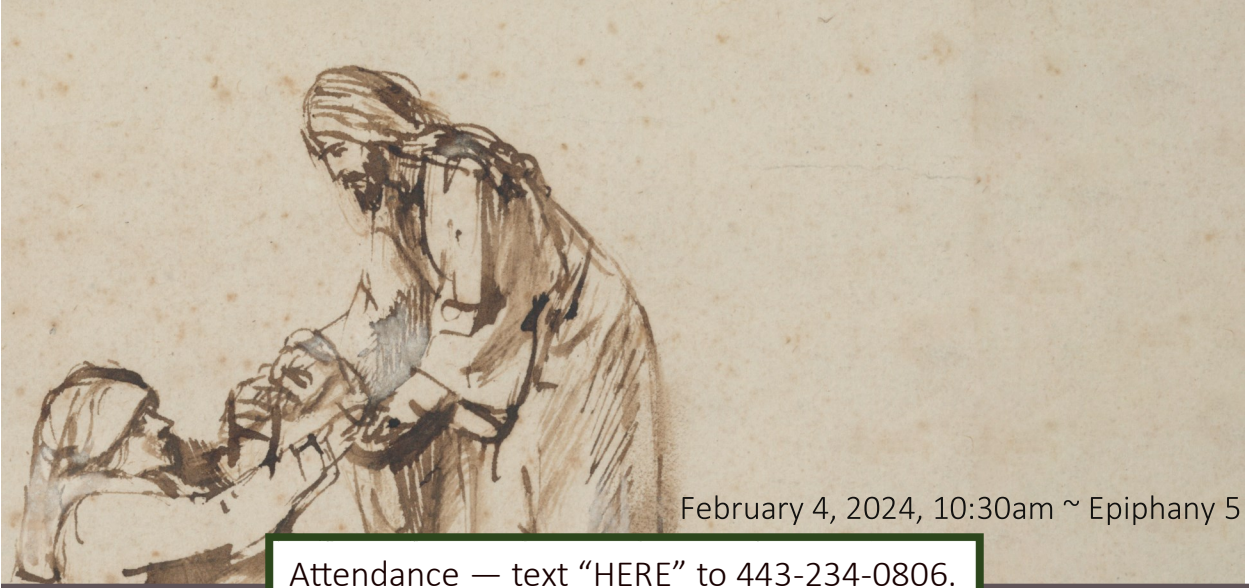


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February 4, 2024, 10:30am ~ Epiphany 5

Attendance — text “HERE” to 443-234-0806.
Visiting?—text “WELCOME” to 443-234-0806.

WELCOME

Conni Highfield

PRELUDE

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

arr. Peterson

* CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock
People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

We come to worship and to rest in God’s presence.

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

God strengthens us that we might help carry one another’s burdens.

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God’s love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* HYMN

“God of Love and God of Power”

UMH 578

* GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, hear our songs. Gather us in as one people, that we may worship you as one body. Heal our broken hearts and bind up our wounds, that we may come into your presence healthy

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and whole as we seek your wisdom. Help us to discern your greatness, as we honor the power and glory of your love. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Isaiah 40:25b-31

KIDS' TIME

Prayer—O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. Just as a compass can guide us out of wilderness places, guide us by your love and lead us to come back to you. Amen.

ANTHEM

"I Sought the Lord"

Karen Marroli

COMMUNITY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Mark 1:29-39

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD "Becoming the People of God" Pastor Malcolm Stranathan

COMMUNION LITURGY We Live as Those Who Have Never Heard You: A Confession

PASSING THE PEACE

Trust in the Lord and be strengthened. Amen.

Written by Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book, Year B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

UMH 474

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Beecher"

arr. Charles Callahan

Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at www.wumcmd.org; or Mail to:

Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.

* HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

UMH 375

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated)

"Postlude in C"

Blake

TODAY—UWF SOUP PICKUP

UWF pre-ordered Chicken Corn Soup distribution in the Narthex, today. Thanks for your support.

PACK 631 BIRTHDAY BAG DRIVE

SUN, FEB 11, benefits Carroll County Food Sunday Pack 631 invites you to participate. Bags should contain birthday party essentials, including: cake mix, icing, candles, cake plates, and napkins. CCFS will distribute bags to families with a birthday. Scouts will collect bags at worship, next Sunday.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER

FEB 13, 5:30-7pm, Jubilee Hall.
Our UMYF invites you to join us for dinner on Shrove Tuesday. Proceeds benefit the 2024 Youth Missions. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Heather Keefer at keefer.family@comcast.net

WESTMINSTER YOUTH PROJECT NEWS FUNDRAISER—JUBILEE HALL, FEB 9

Big-Little Valentine Family Paint Night Fundraiser for Westminster Youth Project, Fri., Feb 9 at 6-8 PM. Cost: \$25 for one adult and one child, \$10 for each child. Register at <http://www.westminsteryouthproject.org>

FUNDRAISER—CHIPOTLE, FEB 17

Chipotle Fundraiser for Westminster Youth Project, Saturday, Feb. 17, 4-8 PM, 33% of sales will be donated to WYP. Online orders use this code ZL4TNQJ. Onsite order use flyer on wyp website and handed out at church, Feb 11.

SHELTER HELP—Westminster homeless shelter numbers increased to 40-45 ppl/night. A WUMC group supports the shelter with food twice a month. Consider supporting this ministry via monetary donation by writing a check to WUMC with “Night-by-Night Shelter” in the memo line. Donations will be used to buy food for the shelter. Thank You. Norman Hirtle

LENTEN NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—Feb 14, 7pm.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS—Thursdays, 6pm, in the Chapel. Pastor Malcolm invites you to join him. More info available in your upcoming Feb Herald. Please register for these workshops, directly: email—m.stranathan@wumcmd.org phone—410-848-8325, x14.

“METHODISM” SERIES

JAN 28—MAR 3, 9AM, Martha Manahan Room, Conducted by Rev. Ken and taught by Rev. Ken and Pastor Malcolm during the Sunday School Hour. Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us.

Did you know Jesus was fond of asking questions? Gather Sundays, 9am, New Life in Christ room. All invited! Feb 11 "Who Will You Love?"

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel

9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages

Nursery—3yrs and under (Preschool hall)

Primary—pre-K thru grade 4 (Tower)

Middle School—grade 5-7 (Youth House)

High School—grade 8-10 (Youth House)

Adult Sunday School—New Life in Christ led by Woodie Wood, Rev. Dr. David Highfield, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling (NLIC room)

Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart. Advent Study

10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—grades 3-7 led by Linda Wood (Handbell room)



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SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Liturgist: Conni Highfield

Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

AV Techs: Bill Eckles, James Scherck, Anne Marie Scherck Slides: Kyler Brengle, Katherine Scherck

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Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Cooper Reppe
Chuck Sterling
Lynne Rittenberg
Jeff & Marjie Kimble
June & Don Hicks
Wayne Olson

Long-term:
Dan LaFon
Ellis Lawson
Chris Clise
John Carbaugh
Christy Swartzbaugh

Those in Mourning

Peggy Hepler and family on the death of husband, father, and grandfather, Tom Hepler.

Barbara Luckenbaugh and family on the death of her brother, Lewey King.

Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Killian (7-year-old grandson of Conni & Dave Highfield)
Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)
Som & Bill Kraemer & family (friends of Lynne Rittenberg)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM

Those in Military Service

LCDR Tracie Demaree, Navy, serving on an aircraft carrier in The Mediterranean (daughter of Jan Halman-Miller)

Jonyae Curry, Army
(Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)

Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)

Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS
(son-in-law of The Flinn)

REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit your prayer request via online, email, or phone:

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, k.humbert@wumcmd.org
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

REACH—FEBRUARY

Donna Myers (410) 259-2480

Dee Roush (443) 398-5473

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

Feb 20 Mr. John Carbaugh
Bonnie Blink - Masonic Home of MD
300 International Cir, The Terrace #18
Cockeysville MD 21030

Feb 21 Nancy Coats
230 St. Mark Way
Westminster MD 21158

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,
s.haines@wumcmd.org.

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