

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 28, 2018

Welcome! If you are a guest, we are pleased to have you and invite you to participate fully in the service. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship; a nursery is provided for infants through 2-year olds. Restless children may be taken briefly to the library (across the hall from the rear sanctuary door).

****Attention Parents: To conform with our Safe Sanctuaries Policy, we ask that you accompany your children if they have to leave the Sanctuary for any reason. At the 11:00 service, children will be dismissed for Children’s Church following the Children’s Sermon.**

We have an assisted listening system. It is easy to use and of great value to those that need some help in hearing the worship service. Please see an usher for instructions and to get a receiver.

The front 5 rows on both sides of the sanctuary are designated as fragrance-free areas. This helps create a safe space for people with medical conditions that are triggered by perfumed products. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

<p>“TFWS” are the black hymn books located behind the red hymnals.</p>

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GATHERING MUSIC NO. 2024 (TFWS) “From the Rising of the Sun”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As announcements are being made, please sign and pass the attendance pad. If you are a guest, your name, address, and telephone number would be most helpful to us.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

People: in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another’s face,

Pastor: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

People: in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

Pastor: By this I have known the power of the Lord:

People: in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

Pastor: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

People: in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

People: Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00)

"With Every Breath"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Phil Rice (8:30); Rick Russell (11:00)

OFFERTORY

"'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

arr. Van Denman Thompson

* DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 395 “Take Time to Be Holy”

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Gerald Davis

*Following this time after the 11:00 service, children ages
3-6 may follow their leaders to Children’s Church.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 25-40

(Pew Bible Page NT 59)

SERMON

“A Sight for Sore Eyes”

Andrea McCumber

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881

* HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 374 “Standing on the Promises”

As we sing, you are invited to come to the altar rail for prayer and/or dedication.

LIGHT TAKEN FORTH TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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Our service of worship has ended. Now our worship through service begins.

It is the desire of the ministers to call on members who are in the hospital or ill at home. Members and friends of Groce Church, knowing of such cases, are requested to call the church office (298-7647), or to notify one of the pastors.

Our volunteers this week, sharing the work of the church: **Ushers:** (8:30) Will & Michelle Troxell; (11:00) Jo Anne Smith, Sharon Harrell, Richard & Natalie Gabriel; **Acolyte:** Dylan Moore; **Nursery Volunteers:** (8:30) Help Needed; (11:00) Mary Ellen Mansfield; **Children’s Church:** Julie Voss; **11:00 Offering Steward:** John D. Smith; **Coffee Fellowship:** AGAPE Class 11:00 Group; **Visitation Team:** Rick & Louise Russell; **Altar Guild:** Liz Ream; **Narthex Decorated By:** Thera Powell

“Children’s Change” - Today during the Children’s Time, children will pass around buckets to collect change, which will be donated to Heifer.

For those who don’t have email, 2017 contribution statements are available to pick up in the front office. They are located in a box on the counter (sorted alphabetically).

Meeting Reminders

- ▶ **The Board of Trustees** meet **tomorrow, the 29th, at 7:00pm** in the Blue Room. This will be an important meeting, so we hope all members will be able to attend.
- ▶ **United Methodist Men** meet **this Thursday, February 1st, at 6:30pm** in the Blue Room. **All men are welcome to attend!**

Next Sunday, we will receive donations for the East Asheville Food Pantry. They are in need of canned green beans, tuna, canned fruit, canned chicken, and peanut butter. Donations can be put in the box located in the hallway by the front office.

Come join the FUN! GUMC Family Fun Night: THIS Saturday, the 3rd, at 6pm. Join us in Asbury Hall for a night of Games, karaoke and a lot of fun. Soups, chili and drinks will be provided. Donations of desserts and/or snacks are welcome. Grab your family, your favorite game, and come ready to play and have fun together.

Debbie Ross will be teaching an online course through bedisciple.com. “A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope and Love,” based on curriculum written by Debbie, will be taught **February 5-9**. Cost of the course is \$45. For more information and to register, go to bedisciple.com. You can also contact Debbie with questions.

Sunday School News: A new class is coming for senior adults in February. More information to come soon!

A Lenten Bible study, led by Gerald, will be offered beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14). The book is entitled, “Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Uncertain Times,” by Magrey de Vega. The class will meet for 7 weeks on Wednesdays during Lent at 10am (place TBA). Books cost \$9. If you’re interested in being part of the group, contact the church office, 298-7647.

CALENDAR: January 28 - February 3

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 & 11:00AM Worship–Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship–Asbury Lobby
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 5:00PM Student Ministry

Monday, January 29

- 6:00PM Girl Scouts–Asbury Hall

Tuesday, January 30

- 5:30PM Handbell Choir–Handbell Room
- 7:00PM NA Meeting–Charter Hall

Wednesday, January 31

- 5:30PM Chancel Choir–Choir Room
- 6:00PM AA Meeting–Epworth Building

Thursday, February 1

- 10:00AM Prayer Group–Library
- 5:00PM Welcome Table–Asbury Hall**
- 6:00PM Cub Scouts–Scout Room
- 6:30PM **United Methodist Men–Blue Room**
- 6:30PM Nifty Knitters–Asbury Hall

Friday, February 2

- 2:00PM Parkway Pickers
- 7:00PM ALANON Meeting– Epworth Building

Saturday, February 3

- 9:00AM Daisy Troop–Charter Hall