

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Epiphany Sunday

8:30 A.M. Service January 5, 2020

### GATHERING

Thank you for joining us today! Friendship United Methodist Church is a collection of happy believers and warm and loving people, because Jesus Christ lives within us. We encourage you to use this worship experience as a way to explore your own faith and to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ lives in you, you will love it here!

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of loved ones by Chrys & Harry Hill

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60)

L: Arise, shine: for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**P: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

L: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**P: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

\*OPENING PRAISE:

UMH #228

“He Is born”

UMH #237

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

UMH #251

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

\*UNISON PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

**Merciful God of Deliverance, we praise You for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the Glory and Radiance of Your Compassion and Care. Our eyes behold the brightness of Your Promised Righteousness; You illumine our darkness with the hope of Your Justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of Your Splendor; we bow down to worship You, lifting our voices in praise of Your Goodness and giving heed to Your instruction. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us how to pray by saying, “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**

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

\*APOSTLES’ CREED UMH 881

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

- Ruth Bailey

MUSIC BY RICK BAILEY

“Before the Throne of God Above” (Bancroft & Cook)

THE GATHERING OF OUR MORNING GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

\*Response: "Give Thanks"

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, 'I am strong;' Let the poor say, 'I am  
rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us.' Give thanks!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*SONG OF PREPARATION: UMH #254 "We Three Kings"

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE: "Just Follow The Signs"

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: Jesus Christ invites to this table all who confess faith in God's Promises and who intend to live as reconciled people. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth or You had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, You alone are God. You created the light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your Love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our Sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your Prophets. And so, with Your People on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your Name and join the unending hymn:

**P: 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.**

L: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom You have revealed Yourself, our Light and our Salvation.

You sent a Star to guide the Magi to where the Christ was born and Your Signs and Witnesses to every age and through all the world have led Your people from far places to His Light. In His Baptism and in His Table Fellowship He took His place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach Good News to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your People. By the Baptism of His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from captivity to sin and death, and made with us a New Covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His Disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His Disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is My Blood of the New Covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And so, in remembrance of these Your Mighty Acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s Offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body and Blood, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by His Blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His Heavenly Banquet.

**P: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your Holy Church, all Honor and Glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THRE BREAD AND CUP  
PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

\*CLOSING SONG: UMH #249 “There’s a Song in the Air”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE**

Sunday, January 5		
Sunday Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
Voices In Praise Epiphany Concert	4:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, January 6		
Handbell Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals & Bring A Friend Night	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tuesday, January 7		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, January 8		
Dorcas-Lydia Circle Meeting	12 noon	Driftwood Restaurant
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, January 9		
Bible Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

**Voices In Praise Epiphany Concert**  
**4:00 pm TODAY Friendship UMC Sanctuary**

**Our Service:**

Ministers All Members and Volunteers at Friendship  
 Secretary Bonnie Dean, [bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org)  
 Music Team Sandy Melson Griese, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley  
 Children & Youth Ministry Courtney Eversfield,  
[cymc@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodist.org)  
 8:30 am Ushers Harry Hill & Bonnie Revell  
 11:00 Ushers Richard Chaney, & Wheeler Green  
 Electronic Giving Counter Larry Myers  
 Altar Guild for January Bonnie Revell 410-741-5268  
 Stephen Ministry Coord. Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)

**PRAYER CONCERNS OF FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**

Kristen Heyer’s mom, Linda Baine, Delores Ward, Monique Anderson’s mother Maris Kneeland, battling cancer and health issues, Jerome Stallings, Jerry Burdsall, Tyler Madden. *If you would like someone added to our prayer list, please contact Bonnie in the church office – 410-257-7133.*

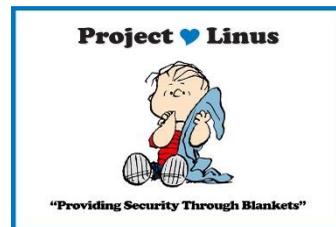


The Twelve Days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas Day and Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>. This day celebrates the arrival of the Magi and the revelation Christ as the light of the world.

**FUMC Fabric Drive**

**Collection Runs 12/1/19 -1/12/20**

FUMC Youth is collecting fabric throughout the month of December to make blankets for a non-profit group called Project Linus. This group donates homemade blankets to children in hospitals, homeless shelters, etc. There will be a donation bin in the Narthex. *For details see Courtney!*



The Board of Trustees is pleased to inform you of our Scholarship Fund for student **members** of Friendship United Methodist Church seeking post-secondary education, who have achieved **2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year College standing or 1<sup>st</sup> year Trade or Graduate School standing** as defined by the FUMC BOT. **The deadline for submission of a completed application, with a copy of your transcripts, is January 26, 2020.** Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. The award will be presented in February of each year to the qualifying student(s). For more information, see the Requirements and Application document, which is available in the Fellowship Hall, or from the church office during office hours.



You are invited to attend the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Prayer Breakfast in support of Jennifer Road Detention Center/Ordnance Road Correction Center



Thursday, January 9, 2020  
 7:30-9:00 am  
 Trinity United Methodist Church,  
 1300 West Street, Annapolis, MD  
 RSVP: 410-222-4549 or  
[Chase.wood@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:Chase.wood@goodnewsjail.org) or  
[brit.fletcher@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:brit.fletcher@goodnewsjail.org)

*No cost to attend, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Chaplains Ministry*