

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

*Responsive Benediction

Leader: May the Spirit of Jesus renew and refresh your life this week so that you can become more like Him.

People: Amen.

*Benediction Chorus

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (vs.4) UMH 679
To guide whate'er we nobly do,
With love all envy to subdue;
To make ill fortune turn to fair,
And give us grace our wrongs to bear

*Postlude

*=*We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

- **May We Pray with You?** Prayer Partners are available after the service to encourage and pray with you. They will be waiting at the front pew.
- **Good Shepherd Fund** Each Communion Sunday all participants have an opportunity to leave an offering on the altar. This money is placed in the Good Shepherd Fund and is used to help meet the human needs in our local community. Gas money, help with a utility bill, or even some grocery money for someone who needs a helping hand are a few examples of how this money is used.

Order of Worship

January 3, 2016

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Epiphany / Communion Sunday

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (vs.1) UMH 679
O splendor of God's glory bright,
O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light's living spring,
O day, all days illumining.

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Linda Blue

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

*Opening Unison Prayer

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to confess him as Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(Congregation seated)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Born in Bethlehem -McDonald/Shafferman

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, rise up and follow that star.

Shepherd, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee one by one, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem.

I'm gonna send thee two by two, two for Mary and Joseph, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem.

I'm gonna send thee three by three, three for the magi from the East, two for Mary and Joseph, one for the little bitty baby born, He is born in Bethlehem.

Follow, rise up shepherd, and follow; follow the star to the tiny baby born in Bethlehem.

I'm gonna send you four by four, four for the angels and so much more. I'm gonna send thee three by three, three for the magi from the East, two for Mary and Joseph, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem. He was born in Bethlehem!

(The choir may disperse as needed)

Sermon Series Prayer

God, thank you for the gift of your Son and Mark's gospel witness to his life. Help us to hear that witness as Good News for our lives today. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

The Message

The Baptism of Jesus

Rev. Michael Burkett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

***Hymn**

O Come and Dwell in Me

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Our Life Together

Please register your attendance in the registration card provided and place it in the offering plate.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

There's a Song in the Air

Logan Walker

***Doxology**

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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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

UMH 8

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 9

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread & The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you choose, you may kneel in prayer after you receive. You do not have to be a member of this church or any church to take communion. Children are welcome.

You may also leave an offering on the altar for the Good Shepherd Fund, to help meet human needs in our local community.