

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and on Facebook Live

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude *Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552* J.S. Bach
"ST. ANNE"

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!*

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Rodney Denton

Introduction of Aaron Prillaman Christine Herrick, Chair
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Call to Worship *The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 449*

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength. (THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1965, ALT.)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise *God of Grace and God of Glory* Clay Christiansen

*God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Psalms 139, vv. 1-6, 13-18 UMH, pp. 854-55

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it altogether.**

⁵ You pursue me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts,

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are your works!

You know me very well;

¹⁵ **my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;

**in your book were written
the days that were formed for me,
every day, before they came into being.**

¹⁷ How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.**

Moment with the Children Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People Rev. Denton

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.*

Meditation *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* David Maddux

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon Yet God Spoke Rev. Hepler
1 Samuel 3:1-11

SENDING FORTH

Response *Your Love Is Strong* Jon Foreman

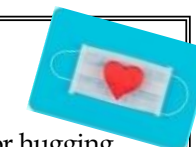
Benediction Rev. Hepler

Postlude *Toccata on ST. ANNE* Frederick Swann

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.*

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.



Today's Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

Announcements



We are excited to welcome **Dr. Aaron Prillaman** to Memorial UMC as our **Director of Contemporary Worship**. Aaron comes to us from First United Methodist Church in Gastonia, where he served in a similar role for eight years.

Aaron started leading contemporary worship while a student at Appalachian State University, serving at the Wesley Foundation College Ministry. While attending the university he was a member of several ensembles, including Christian rock bands, classical guitar duos, classical guitar quartets, and a fusion ensemble. He was also an active member of Deerfield United Methodist Church.

After graduating from ASU, Aaron married Lisa and moved to Greenville, NC, to study guitar and act as a graduate assistant at East Carolina University. During these three years he took a break from leading worship, attending St. James United Methodist Church.

After Aaron completed a Master of Music degree in guitar performance, he and Lisa moved to Tempe, AZ, so that he could pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree. During his doctoral studies, he enjoyed several great musical opportunities in the Phoenix metropolitan area, including playing guitar at First United Methodist Church of Phoenix while being mentored by the great bandleader Cliff Wright. He also served as the Worship Leader of Valley Wesley and the Journey Service at Tempe First United Methodist Church.

Aaron and Lisa moved to North Carolina in 2012, and Aaron teaches music at Davidson-Davie Community College. They reside in Mocksville and have four children and one grandson.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that **Norris Norwood** has accepted the position of **Director of Music**. In this new, full-time position, Norris will continue as our Organist and will provide leadership for the overall music program. We have been blessed by Norris' work among us and look forward to his continued ministry.

We are grateful for the work of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee as they have led us through recent staff transitions.

UMW ZOOM GATHERINGS

All women of Memorial are invited to join the United Methodist Women (UMW) monthly Gatherings via Zoom. Gatherings usually are held on the second Saturday of the month, and the time is usually 12:00-12:30 p.m. The Zoom meeting links will be sent out a week prior by email. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Herman for more information. **Upcoming Gatherings:** February 13, March 13, April 17 (3rd Saturday), May 8, June 12



Coat Drive
MEMORIAL UMC
JAN 17-24

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS AND WINTER ACCESSORIES TO DONATE TO COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY MINISTRY. ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE BREEZEWAY OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH RECEPTION OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-3PM.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MALLORY AT 336-880-7678 OR ERIC AT 336-590-1650.

Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE
Thomasville Community
at Memorial United
Methodist Church

Thursday January 21, 2021
1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

101 Randolph Street
Thomasville, NC 27360

For appointments please contact (336) 306-3421 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: ThomasvilleCommunity.

Remember to hydrate well, and bring a picture ID.
Walk ins welcome!

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Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:

Lizzie Akins
Priscilla Everhart
Bill Stine
Tommy Poole and family
Zeb Hanner, Sr.
Andy and Joyce Royals
Ronnie Dancy
Dorann Edwards and family
The family of Florence Highsmith
Amos Fisher
Mike Lanning
Britt Martin Williams
Peggy Graham

Cyril Harrington
Brad Hulin
Jessie Collett
Roy Flanagan
Our country and healing for all
Jennifer Ruff
Margie Collins
Carol Kaiser
Josef Walker
Dean Sharpe-Austin
Finley Price family
Andrea Cain and family
Tim Priska
Chris Eddinger
Peace and justice in our nation, state, and city
Our first responders, medical community, and essential workers
All those affected by COVID-19
All military personnel
Our United Methodist missionaries
The United Methodist Church

Calendar

SUNDAY JANUARY 17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10 R.L. Pope Class Online:
Harold Vannoy
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
2-3:30 Youth: Fun Games

MONDAY JANUARY 18

10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY JANUARY 19

9-10 Men's Prayer Group (Contact:
Tim Lyons, tlyons00@gmail.com)
9-11 Sewing Ministry
10 10@10 Devotion
5:30 Yoga

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)
6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY JANUARY 21

10 10@10 Devotion
1:30-6 Red Cross Blood Drive

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

10 10@10 Devotion

SUNDAY JANUARY 24

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10 R.L. Pope Class Online:
Richard Herman
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
2-3:30 Youth

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Executive Secretary
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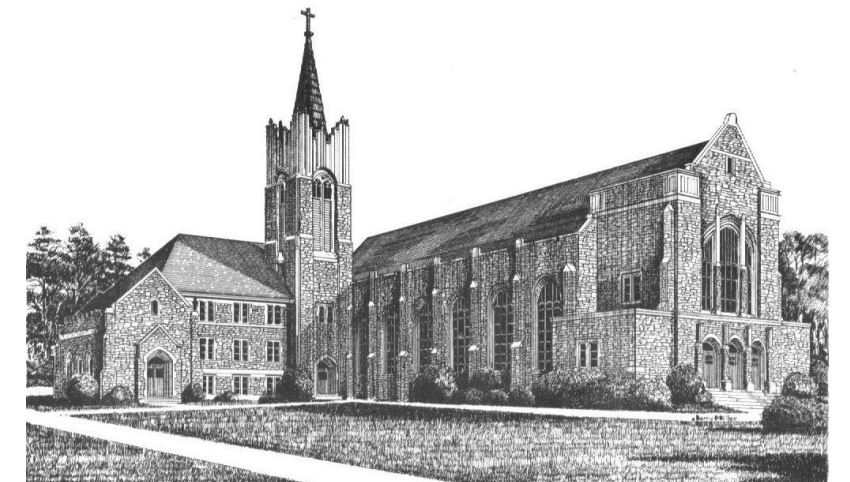
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**We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,
Build Relationships, and Serve All People.**