

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “My Jesus, I Love Thee” UMH 172

✠ SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 6:1-16*

SERMON “Lord of the Sabbath” Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” UMH 616
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ COMMUNION

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We go with God’s blessings. As followers of Jesus, we will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. As followers of Jesus, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us. As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us. We go with God’s blessings.

✠POSTLUDE “Versetto” D. Zipoli Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothern
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Sandy Turner, Margie Rabon,
and Elizabeth Gibson

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Howard James

February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

“Praeludium” S. Sechter

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Still Again, let us declare God's steadfast Love, with songs, instruments and praise

People: For God makes our hearts glad by your work, by the works of God's very hand, we sing for joy!

Leader: God's works are great, and God's thoughts are too deep to even know; destruction and nothingness have nothing to do with you

People: God of the Covenant, we will rest with you

Leader: Come, let us seek sanctuary and Sabbath with God

People: Come, let us rest with Jesus

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Gather Together”

UMH 131

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the Sabbath, Your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: God we admit that we long for wholeness, and healing and peace and all of that, but confess that we feel like it is something that we need to achieve instead of seek. Help us to find Sabbath, to sit and be with the Lord of the Sabbath with Pray. Amen.

People: Hear the good news, Jesus is walking with us, teaching us and healing us, thus we know the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

“The Gift of Love” arr. by Hal Hopson

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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Soup pick-up will be on Friday, February 21st from 10:00-12:00 noon. Please reach out to a member of our United Women in Faith with any questions. Thank you!

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-Love in Christ, Florence Marlowe

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Ongoing ministries:

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Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. at Dale's Seafood

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