

✠ CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Suzanne Hall
✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION	“O Jesus I Have Promised”	#396 UMH
✠ SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>	
SERMON	“The Casting Call”	Rev. Howard James
✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	“Shine Jesus Shine”	#2173 TFWS
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)		
✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD		
✠ BENEDICTION		
✠ CHORAL RESPONSE	“Lead Me, Lord”	#473 UMH
✠ POSTLUDE	“Finale” E. Thiman	Nan Leggett, Organ
✠ Please stand if you are able.		

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

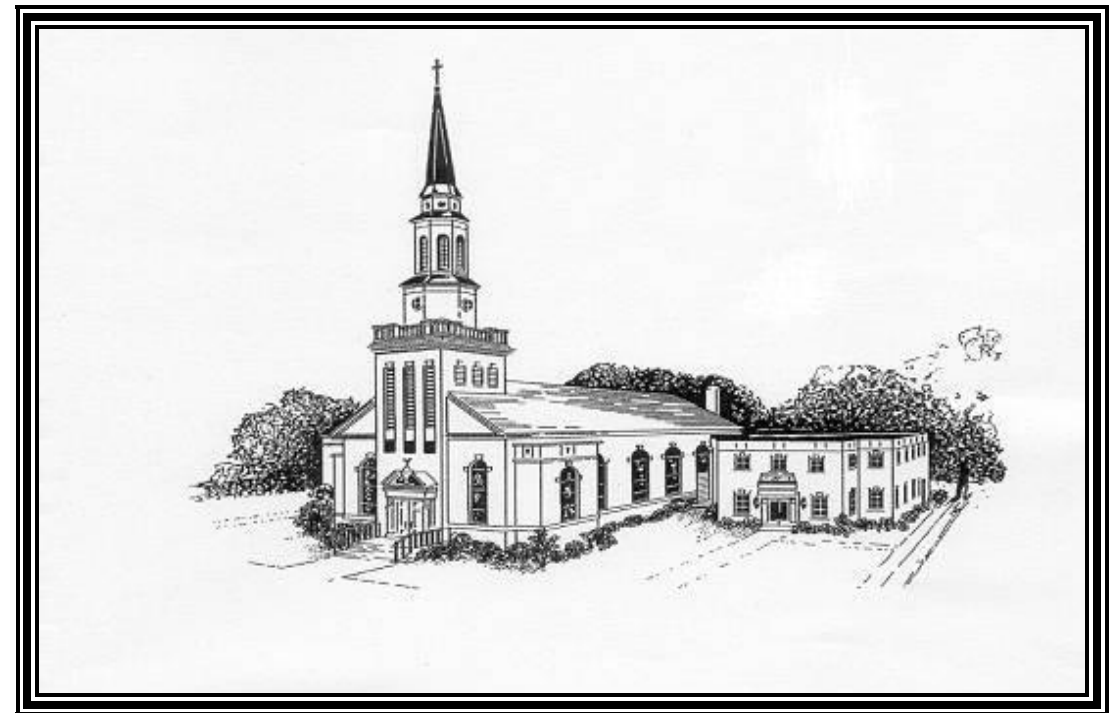
**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett  
 Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn  
 Organist.....Nan Leggett  
 Pianist.....Geneva Ashley  
 Altar Committee.....Suzanne Hall, Celia Lynch,  
 Margie Rabon, Sandy Turner and Gina Deans  
 Soundboard.....Terry & Kathy Simmons

# WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Rev. Howard James

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
 January 22, 2023



**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 at Whiteville. 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

“Soliloquy” H. Willan

Nan Leggett, Organ

(Entering the sanctuary and preparing for worship, you are invited to discover the theme of today's service by reading through this order of worship. Also, please pray for those on the prayer list and for all persecuted people around the world.)

### 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: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

**People:** “[your name], follow me.”

Leader: A simple call. A hard call.

**People:** Because following requires leaving.

Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**People:** And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

Leader: It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**People:** But we have come this far, to this place where we can listen and be transformed.

#### ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

UMH #277

#### ✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Welcome Heavenly Father as we seek to honor and glorify you with our gifts of worship and praise. May they be a fragrant offering, a pleasing aroma to you. Welcome, Lord Jesus. You are the reason we are gathered here. Just as you called your disciples to “follow you,” you have called us here together to be your church. Welcome Holy Spirit into our hearts as we seek to hear God's Word and live faithfully according to your commands. In the name of Jesus we pray...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:** Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

**People:** May your souls rest in the assurance that, through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

#### THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

#### PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

“Who at my Door is Standing” by K. Lee Scott

#### ✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD (“Praise God”)

#95 UMH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

**Our church family has been invited to a birthday celebration** in honor of Jan Avant. The party will be Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 in the church fellowship hall. Jan has requested no presents just your presence.

**A Blood Drive** will be held Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the church fellowship hall from 2:00-6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Mrs. Peggy Huffman.

**The United Women in Faith** are having their annual frozen soup sale. Order forms will be in the narthex and church office. They need to be filled out and returned by February 19<sup>th</sup>. Pick up dates will be February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**On Saturday, February 4th our Boy Scout Troop** will be preparing a meal by campfire for our church family. This dinner is to give thanks to the church for being our sponsor for over FIFTY years! The dinner will be held at "The Barn" at 510 Thompson Town Road, Whiteville, and is set to begin at 5 p.m.. Please come out and share your love and support of our Boy Scouts.

**Our Food Pantry** will hold a food drive throughout the month of February. You will find a list of items that are frequently used and needed in today's bulletin. Containers will be placed in the narthex, library, and church office for donation collections. Please help us continue to be of service to our community through this ministry.

*The Flowers on the altar this week are given in memory of*

*James (Jimmy) Clyde Oakley Sr.*

*By his family: Ken & Jenna, Grayson, Ryan, and Clarissa Oakley.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Janice Ivey Brown, Bobby Matthis, Dan & Paula James, Emily Stevens, Tony Gore, Phyllis Merritt, Wayne Overcash, Jan Avant, Jim Hill, Sara Brooks, Thetus Sessions, Ann Worthington, Grant Smith, Bob Deans, John and Louise Barkley, Clara Hunsucker, Marty Ward.

**Prayer Requests:** Via email to the Church Office at [wumc@whitevilleumc.org](mailto:wumc@whitevilleumc.org).

**Adult Sunday School:** Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12):** Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

**Christians Under Construction Sunday School:** Meeting @ 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor in person or via Zoom. (Receive a link to join by emailing Carolyn Hankins at [carolynjhankins@msn.com](mailto:carolynjhankins@msn.com))

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.

**Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays:** Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

**Handbell Rehearsals on Wednesdays:** Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m. in the handbell room.

**Food Pantry:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Cub Scouts: [ages 6-10]** Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall

**Boy Scouts: [ages 11-18]** Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall

**Fifty-Plus Exercise Class:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

**Caregivers Support Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

<i>2023 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$292,488.00</i>
<i>As of 01/15, Needed</i>	<i>\$16,875.00</i>
<i>As of 01/15, Received</i>	<i>\$10,645.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,625.00</i>
<i>Received on 01/15</i>	<i>\$2,855.00</i>
<i>Attendance 01/15</i>	<i>65 In-person</i>



The WUMC Food Pantry will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items throughout the month of February. This list consists of our most needed and most used food items. We appreciate all donations, however, please make sure donations are not outdated. Thank you for your love and support.

1. Corn
2. Green Beans
3. Canned Chicken
4. Vienna Sausages
5. Mac & Cheese
6. Rice
7. Saltines
8. Ramen Noodles
9. Pinto Beans

For questions please contact the church office or Beth Bullard. Thank you once again for your love and support of this community ministry.