

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Epiphany Sunday - January 5, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*A la Venue de Noël*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”.....No. 117

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Wonder As I Wander*.....Richard Hemmings, baritone
[Appalachian Carol]
arr. John Jacob Niles

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Hebrews 11:1-7.....Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 273 in your Pew Bible

† 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.*

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop Hutchinson

THE LORD’S PRAYER..... Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Hymn of Promise”.....No. 707

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Create in Me a Clean Heart*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Allen Pote Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power
uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 17:19-21.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 22 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**IMPOSSIBLE IS WHERE GOD STARTS**.....Dr. Day

I. First, making the impossible possible involves believing in God for something
EXTRAORDINARY - a breakthrough miracle.

II. Second, making the impossible possible involves believing God in spite of the mountain you are facing.

III. Third, making the impossible possible involves risk taking action on your part.

IV. Fourth, making the impossible possible involves believing not only God CAN or WILL but God HAS fulfilled His promises in advance.

V, Finally, making the impossible possible involves **PATIENT PERSEVERANCE.**

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“This is a Day of New Beginnings”.....No. 383
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Bishop Hutchinson
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTIONBishop Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Organ Flourish on "Joy To The World"*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Michael G. Dell



Crucifer: Henry Peacock (8:30), Conrad Hilliard (11:00)

Acolytes: Rudd Morgan, Cooper Morgan (8:30), Crawford Chaney, Harrison Chaney (11:00)

Banner Carrier: William Peacock (8:30), Quinton Hilliard (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

♦ **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service:*

• *3-4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center*

• *K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.