

# 11:00 a.m. Service

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany | January 21, 2024

## Gathering for Praise

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

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**Choral Call to Worship**      We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding      Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn of Praise**      'If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee'      UMH 142

**Psalter Reading**      Psalm 62      UMH 787

### \*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.*

### The Pastoral Prayer

#### 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*

\*Please stand if you are able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal

## Children's Disciple Moment

The PrayerGround Table is for children 6 and younger to use during the sermon. Parents should sit near the table to assist.

Maureen Strange

**Anthem**      'Boundless Praise'      arr. Fettke

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture Reading**      Matthew 20:1-16      Jane Ennis

**\*Hymn of Preparation**      'God Will Take Care of You'      UMH 130

**Message**      Time To Say Goodbye To...Comparing      Rev. Brian Gilmer

## Responding to God's Word

**\*The Affirmation of Faith**      The Apostles Creed      UMH 881

*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.*

*\*\*universal*

**Offertory**      'How Beautiful'      Twila Paris,  
Mickey Hess, Sax

**Doxology**      UMH 94

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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## Going Forth to Serve God's World

**\*Hymn of Sending**      'Here I am Lord'      UMH 593

## Sending Forth

Jann Howell, Choir Director/Pianist      Ginger Greer, Music Assistant

## Stewardship & Attendance Report

		Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
One Fund Monthly Goal 2024	\$47,808				
One Fund Actual MTD	17,350	1.7	53	231	91
Deposits week ended	\$5,972	1.14	TBD	234	76
Building Project Fund as of December	\$1,354,111				

### Ways to Give:

- Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
- Online at trmethodist.net
- Text-to-Give: Text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135 and continue with steps.



## Prayer Concerns

### HOMEBOUND

George Adamson, James White, Dee Hughes, Patrick O'Dell, Reggy O'Dell, Frances Lockaby, Barbara Floyd, Martha Foster, Mary Greene, Fred Dyal

### TRUMC OTHER REQUESTS

Myra Robitalle Israel & Gaza  
Martha Foster

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team: [prayer@trmethodist.net](mailto:prayer@trmethodist.net)

## Connect with TRUMC

### Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members. Or scan the QR code and fill out our contact form. We'd love to hear from you!

### Follow us on Social Media!

@TRMethodist



### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading	Matthew 20:1-16	Rossie Koss
*Song of Preparation	'You Say'	L.Daigle
Message	Time To Say Goodbye To...Comparing	Rev. Brian Gilmer

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Offertory	Voice of Truth	M.Hall, S.Chapman
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*Song of Sending	Today is the Day	P.Baloche, L.Brewster
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### Sending Forth

## 8:45 a.m. Service

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**\*Song of Welcome**

How Great Thou Art

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Who You Say I Am

Hillsong

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## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **TRUMPETS** - 1/21, 1/28 at 5pm in the Chapel
- **UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)**
  - 1/28, 5:00 - 6:30pm Youth will enjoy a meal, faith and fellowship

**GROWTH GROUPS** are back! Details on each group, meeting times and locations can be found on the website, [trmethodist.net/ministries/adults](http://trmethodist.net/ministries/adults)

### CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting a few items for some students at Berea Middle School. If you are interested in donating items please bring them to the church. Contact Linda Hollis for more details.

Items needed:

Mens underwear (M - XL)

Adult socks

Adult sweatpants (L, XL)

**WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP** meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group provides a caring, nonjudgemental and confidential one-to-one relationship between a trained church member and a person experiencing a difficult time or transition in his or her life. For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864)380-8421 or [patticrenshaw1@gmail.com](mailto:patticrenshaw1@gmail.com)

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all the cards, calls, Happy Birthday songs and flowers that you gave me for my 90th birthday !! You are a special group of friends! Thank you!

In Christian Love,

Betty Giles

### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING RESULTS

A incredible thank you to all of you that donated to our annual Christmas Eve offering. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$13,131, which will be \$6,565.50 each for Meals on Wheels and The Clubhouse Gang.

## Trail Guide

**Sunday: January 21, 2024**

**Message:** Time To Say Goodbye To...Comparing

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:1-16 20 1-2

"God's kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.

3-5 "Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went.

5-6 "He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o'clock. At five o'clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, 'Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?'

7 "They said, 'Because no one hired us.' "He told them to go to work in his vineyard.

8 "When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, 'Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.'

9-12 "Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, 'These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.'

13-15 "He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?'

16 "Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first."

### **Next Steps for the Journey**

What does it mean to "keep up with the Joneses?"

What are some ways that we do that in our culture today?

What drives this type of thinking?

What insights jump out at you from the Gospel lesson?

What is happiness?

### **Prayer for this Week's Walk**

A Prayer for Letting Go

Dear God,

In this moment, I let go of all thoughts and concerns. When I let go, I am able to receive. When my hands are formed into tight fists, I cannot open my hands to receive anything. When I hang onto tight control, When I close off my heart and my spirit, I cannot receive your blessings for me. I let go to receive your blessings.

Letting go in this moment, I receive your loving presence around me and within me. Help me to let go when I am feeling overwhelmed, so that I may receive your peace. Help me to let go when I feel fear so that in fear's place I may receive love and courage. I let go of problems and challenges in order to receive your guidance and clarity. I let go and trust you. I will not fall. You will catch me. I let go and trust in the still, small voice inside of me. Help me not to struggle but to surrender my struggle to you. I gladly receive this gift of letting go and letting you lead me and guide me.

Amen

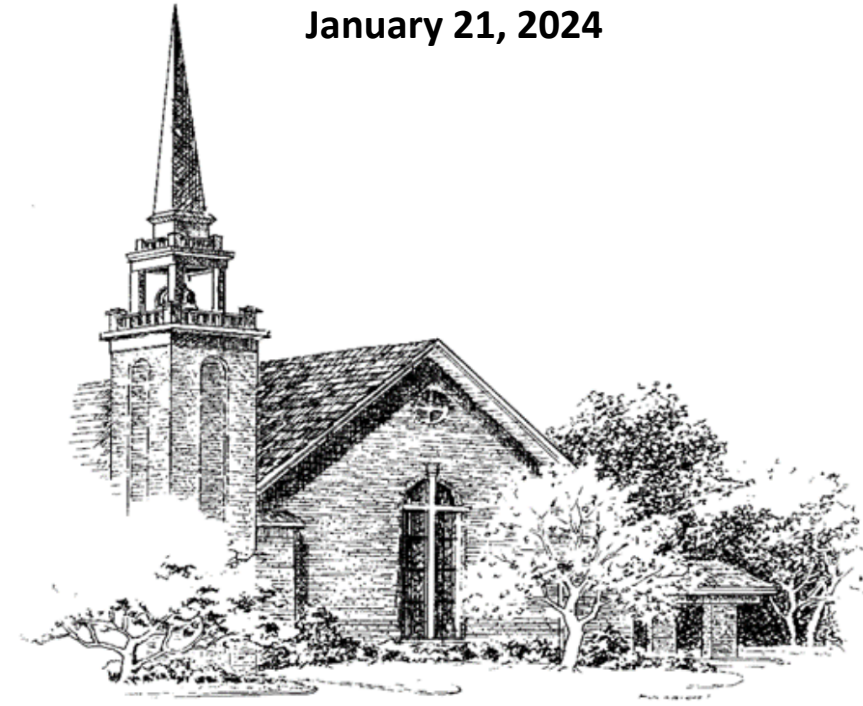
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*Walking with Christ, Serving God, Changing Lives.*

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