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Spark means action.

The Season of the Nativity
reveals Christ
in both ways:
as light for our way
and as acts of grace.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD Fayetteville First UMC

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 2, 2022

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Joe Watson and **People**
Minister of Nurture

Psalm 147:12-15

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

**For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**

He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

*HYMN 720

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
WACHET AUF

*INVOCATION

Dr. Martin

*INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Dr. Martin and **People**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace
with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one
another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Martin and **People**

Lord, open our hearts and minds

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that, as the Scriptures are read

and your Word proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***FIRST READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Dr. Martin

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Watson

OFFERTORY

Mr. Maxey

***DOXOLOGY**

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

*Children are invited to return to seats.
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

*GOSPEL READING

John 1:10-18

Dr. Martin

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spark: Renew

Dr. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert

*HYMN 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

*POSTLUDE

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

ABOUT COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, communion is a sacrament. It is sacred and set apart. A sacrament is a sign, a symbol, and a reminder. It reminds us of God's love. As a symbol, the wafer and the juice we use are things we can see and touch that remind us of something we cannot see and we cannot touch: the grace of God at work in all of our lives.

As we continue worshipping during this Season of the Nativity, we do so by focusing on God's presence in the communion elements, in the people gathered here, and in the fellowship we share at this table. All are welcome at this table because it is God who gives us the invitation.

As you come at the usher's direction, you will be given a wafer to dip into the cup. If you wish to have communion that isn't touched by the ministers or dipped in the shared cup, there are single-serving elements located on the altar. In addition, a gluten-free option is available at the altar.

As you kneel at the altar this morning in body or in spirit, if you would like to leave a donation to our Benevolence Fund here at the church, you are invited to do so by placing your gift on the altar rail.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Annelle Burch
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton

Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Chenelle Hernandez

Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes

Helen Voyles
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Tedd and Tami Kemberling and family upon the death of Tami's sister, Toni Hozey, on December 22.

Rev. Allyson Lawrence, Jadyn Lawrence and Kaitlyn Lawrence upon the death of Allyson's mother-in-law and Jadyn and Kaitlyn's grandmother, Carol Lawrence, on December 28.



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n____ and earth____ are full____ of your

8 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes____ in the

15 name____ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the benevolence fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.