

First United Methodist Church

February 04, 2018

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Prelude	Carol Dickinson <i>"God, Renew Us By Thy Spirit" – Arrg. Wood</i>
Call to Worship	Choir <i>"Come, Share the Lord" (FWS 2269)</i>
Invocation	Rev. Freeman
*Gloria Patri	UMH 70 <i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i>
*Hymn	UMH 139 <i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1,2,5)</i>
*Affirmation of Faith	UMH 881 <i>The Apostles' Creed</i>
Children's Time	Rev. Freeman (Children's Church: K - 4 th Grade)
Offertory	Carol Dickinson <i>"More Love To Thee" with "I Love Thee" – Arrg. Fetke</i>
*Doxology	UMH 95 <i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>
*Hymn	UMH 143 <i>"On Eagle's Wings" (2X's)</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Freeman
Anthem	Choir <i>"You Raise Me Up"</i>
Scripture	Isaiah 40:21-31
Sermon	Rev. Freeman <i>"Lift Us Up"</i>

Holy Communion

***Hymn** UMH 557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1,4)

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction Choir

"Come, Share the Lord", 2nd Chorus (FWS 2269)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! Thanks for worshipping with us! We hope you experienced God's love for your life while you were here. If this is your first time, we hope you'll come back. If you wish to know more about our church, here's how:

- ❖ Please contact Rev. Freeman at efreeman@umcna.org or (205)393-2232; or at <https://heypreacher.com>
- ❖ Visit our website - <http://www.WinfieldFUMC.com>
- ❖ We're on Facebook - **Winfield First United Methodist Church**
- ❖ Call or e-mail the church office at (205)487-2405 or info@winfieldfumc.com

In Worship Today:

- ❖ Rev. Earl Freeman
- ❖ Laura Lesley - Choir Director
- ❖ Amanda Anderson - Asst. Choir Director/Pianist
- ❖ Carol Dickinson - Organist
- ❖ H.E. Bostick, Jimmy Chaffin, Josh O'Mary, and Steve Reaves - Ushers

Church Staff

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Isaiah 40:21-31

21 Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning? Haven't you understood since the earth was founded? **22** God inhabits the earth's horizon— its inhabitants are like locusts— stretches out the skies like a curtain and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling. **23** God makes dignitaries useless and the earth's judges into nothing. **24** Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth when God breathes on them, and they dry up; the windstorm carries them off like straw. **25** So to whom will you compare me, and who is my equal? says the holy one. **26** Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? The one who brings out their attendants one by one, summoning each of them by name. Because of God's great strength and mighty power, not one is missing. **27** Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD my God ignores my predicament"? **28** Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, **29** giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. **30** Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; **31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

Announcements

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Confirmation Classes continue this week, with Bro. Earl and Roger Davis teaching our Middle School Youth in their Sunday School class.

WCHS Blood Drive in honor of Jayden Tucker, February 14, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the High School.

Thank you: The family of Rose Byrd expresses deep appreciation for the “sharing” of the Church Celebration.

About the Feature Hymn for Today:

"**On Eagle's Wings**" is a devotional **song** composed by Father **Michael Joncas, a Catholic priest**. Its words are based on Psalm 91 and Isaiah 40:31. Joncas wrote the piece in either 1976 or 1979. It is sung in several denominations. The wings belong to a single eagle as a metaphor for God, who is one.

Ushers for February:

- ❖ H.E. Bostick, Jimmy Chaffin, Josh O'Mary, & Steve Reaves

Weekly Events:

- ❖ Confirmation Class meets on Sundays
- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Choir Practice, Wednesdays:
 - ❖ Children/Youth at 5:15 p.m.
 - ❖ Adults at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Events:

- ❖ **Methodist Men's Breakfast**, Sunday, February 18 at 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, Sunday, February 18 at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, Sunday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **First Wednesday Potluck Dinner**, March 07 at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials

- ❖ **Frankie Cotton:** Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Frankie Cotton, sister of Linda McDonald, by the Co-Workers Methodist Sunday School Class, and by others.

Prayer Requests & Praises

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Church Family:

Chuck Alexander	Diamond Hocutt, Tonsillectomy 2/8
Nell Attaway	Vonceal Holliman
Edd & Mary Jim Black	Glenn May
Max & Patsy Brasher	Harold McDonald
Misty Brown	Linda McDonald, death of her
Debra Burnett	sister, Frankie Cotton
Rose Byrd	Larry McGee
Chuck & Ginny Dickerson, retiring	Frances Norris
and moving to Kansas City	Family of Harry & Patricia Rodgers

Patsy Earnest

Amanda Carothers South

Chris Garrett

Lynn Smith

Kenneth & Peggy Gilmer

Rhyan Suitts

Marie Hill

Jayden, Jason & Tanya Tucker

Extended Family:

Kareem Abram (friend of Jim Raines)

Doris Anderson (aunt of Todd and Allen Anderson)

Mickey Anderson, cancer, father of Allan Anderson

Heath Avery, recovering from back surgery (Pam Brasher's nephew)

Marsha Baker, cancer (sister of Roger Davis)

Allen Barber, cancer has returned (friend of the Sexton family)

Brandon Bostick (grandson of Sonya and Jr. Bostick)

Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)

Donna Dunn (daughter of Jack & Hermi)

Family of Katherine Duboise, passed away 1/7 (Tim Estes' grandmother)

Jay Elliott, treatments

Nick Fox (friend of Jim Raines)

Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)

Dale Housh

Bobby Lacey, leukemia

Brix Lee & Layken Berryhill, injured in auto accident Sunday 1/28

Brandi Lowe (daughter of Chuck & Ginny Dickerson)

Duane Odell, stage 4 breast cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)

Lonnie O'Rear (friend of Jim Raines)

Larry & Marion Reese

William Robert Rodgers (brother of Harry Rodgers)

Randy Russell (son of Jack & Hermi)

Glynda Swinney, chemo (friend of Linda Housh)

Jim & Brenda Taylor (friend Linda McDonald)

Thomas Tyra (father of Cynthia Tyra)

Bettye Wirth, spouse of Ralph Wirth, who passed away January 5

Karl Yeager, heart & kidney issues (friend of Bill Belle Isle)

Praise on the birth of a child to Clay Brasher, son of Sandy Anderson

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