

Mountain View United Church
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Words of Welcome

God is good, **all the time...** all the time, **God is good.**

Announcements

Hymn:

In the Darkness Shines the Splendour VU 92

- 1 In the darkness shines the splendour of the Word who took our flesh, welcoming, in love's surrender, death's dark shadow at his crèche. Bearing every human story, Word made flesh reveals his glory.
- 2 Light of nations, veiled in history, born of woman's flesh and blood, calling to the depths of mystery restless hearts that seek the good.

Healing every human story, Word made flesh reveals his glory.

- 3 Broken bread, sustaining us in sorrow, wine poured out to toast our joy; exodus and new tomorrow, life's full promise to enjoy! Gladdening every human story, Word made flesh reveals his glory.
- 4 All God's people, sing in jubilation of the birth that sets us free, telling of the revelation: Jesus, God's epiphany. Celebrate the human story! Word made flesh reveals our glory.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We anticipated God's light. He gave us a star and that star led us to the light of the world; a small child swaddled in a manger. His light will grow, his light will spread, and his light will become our life's vision.

Call to Worship:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned!

We come today because the light of Christ has come near.

In Galilee of the Gentiles, Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” He called ordinary people to follow and become fishers of men and women.

We gather to worship the One who turns gloom into joy, breaks every yoke of oppression, and invites us into His light and mission.

Come, fishers, let us prepare to bring all to Christ.

Let us worship God with glad hearts, for the Light has dawned!

Where Are We: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Opening Prayer:

As we gather in Your presence today, shine Your light into every shadowed place in our lives. Break the yokes that burden us—fear, injustice, division, and despair—and multiply joy among Your people. Open our hearts to hear Your call anew, equip us to respond in faith and to carry Your light to others. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Children's Song:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (vs 1,2,5)

1. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole

world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

2. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
5. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

Children's Ministry Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You sent Your light into the darkness, yet we confess that we have preferred shadows. We have walked in ways of gloom rather than embracing the joy You promise. We confess times when we have ignored Your call to repent and follow, clinging instead to our own nets—our comforts, our busyness, our fears. Forgive us, O God. Shine Your great light upon us, that we may see our sin clearly and turn to You in repentance. We pray in His holy name. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4 read by Mogbonjubola Ogunbambo

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Matthew 4:12-23 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Reflection

Hymn: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrust sings high in the tree. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea
- R. And by the Spirit, you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar. It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore, R
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song, R
4. It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things. It's the chorus of all creation, R

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Father In Heaven, we bring these gifts today—not out of obligation, but in gratitude for the light that has dawned in our darkness. Use them to break yokes of poverty, hunger, and despair; to support Your kingdom work near

and far; and to draw others to the One who says, “Follow me.” May our offerings reflect the joy and the celebration of freedom You promise. Multiply them, Lord, as You multiply Your people and Your light in the world. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Take Up His Song MV 213

- 1 Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.
2. Take up his song of hope and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in hope, lay them down, and take up his song.
3. Take up his song of faith and go into the world.
Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment. In

ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down
our lives; lay them down, in faith, lay them down,
and take up his song.

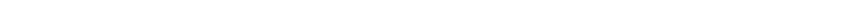
4. Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment. In
ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down
our lives; lay them down, in love, lay them down,
and take up his song.

Spoken Benediction

The blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Amen.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
hallelujah, hallelujah!

Postlude



**Bulletins this week are in loving memory of
Willard and Arlene Dernier by daughters Ginny,
Ann, Kathy, and families.**

Announcements

This Week at Mountain View

Today: Community Dinner Sunday

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. with dinner at 3:00

Volunteers always welcome and appreciated!

Mon: Book Club 1:30pm Parlour

This month's book is James by Percival Everett

Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

We continue to watch and discuss Season 5 of The Chosen – this week will be Episode 3.

Coming Up at Mountain View:

Tues. Feb 17: Pancake Supper

Volunteers Needed! Please sign up in the Narthex

Sat. Feb 14: UCW Friendship Tea

Sun. Feb 15: Annual Congregational Meeting

Note: This is a correction from last week's bulletin

Lenten Study: A defense of the truth of the Gospels based on the book “Cold Case Christianity” will be taking place every Thursday in Lent (beginning Feb 19th) from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please sign up in Narthex so we know how many to expect – all welcome. No purchase or materials required.

Parking Passes – due to ongoing concerns, we have updated our parking passes for 2026. Please contact the office if you need a pass.

Coming Up in Our Community:

Saturday, Jan 31: Snowflake Shindig Dance

7:00 p.m. @ St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall;
28 Wooldridge Street, Riverview; \$10.00 at the door.
Music for all eras with the Gallant Family Band!

Sat., Feb 7: New To You Clothing Sale 9:00-12:00

St. Paul's United, 404 Cleveland Avenue, Riverview

Scripture Readers – we are always looking for scripture readers to participate during worship service. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office to be on our “On-Call Readers” list.

Every Tuesday @ 11:30-1:30 – Join Hillside United Church at First Baptist Church for coffee, snacks, warmth, and fellowship.

If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please contact the church office. Please note that due to hospital policy, Rev. Shaw is unable to visit patients without an express request from the patient or their next-of-kin. Home visits and/or phone calls can also be arranged by advising the office.

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