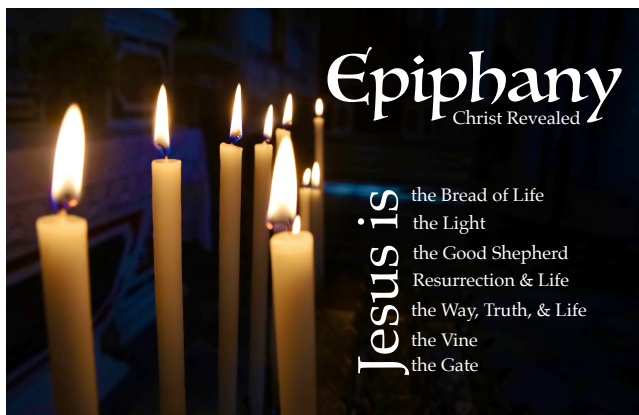


The Season of Epiphany

*A Joyful Community of Faith,
loving God by serving all people
including the least, the last, and the lost.*

Our church is going thru a time of changes. Today we say goodbye to Bren Marshall, our music director. Bren came to us by the grace of God, just as we were searching for a new music director. We interviewed him and when he played, we knew God had sent him. Then the pandemic hit, we moved from in-person worship to strictly being online, and Bren helped us to soar. I do not think anyone else could have fulfilled that unique and challenging role the way he has done. In the back of my head I knew God was only sending Bren to us during this season of change. The economy has opened back up and his job is as well. He travels a lot in his sales position, and despite being the Energizer Bunny, I have watched as he struggled to keep juggling all the requirements in life. Bren has brought a new energy and passion to our worship experience. Sadly, today he takes his leave of our congregation as he tries to spend more time at home with his wife, Brenda, and all their grandkids. I'll be honest, I wish he wasn't going, but I know this is the right thing to do. So I hope you will join me in wishing the both of them the very best out of life and to pray that God's blessing and presence will go with them in this next chapter in life. Of course that leaves us searching for a new music director, so please be in prayer and ask around in your circles of influence if there is someone with musical talent that might be willing to take on this music ministry and make it their own. The commitment is for four hours on Sunday (plus any preparation time), and pays \$10,000 a year with a month off in the summers. Let the search begin! Speaking of changes, the handover in the office is complete, Martie is enjoying her retirement and Lark is working out beautifully. Please come by the office to introduce yourself and welcome her to this tribe called Eureka Methodists. Lent is just four weeks away. Janet and I are hosting a bible study from Adam Hamilton called "The Way" walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Hamilton is always very insightful. I will lead an afternoon

class and Janet will lead the evening one, hopefully giving everyone an opportunity to participate. There will be a special Ash Wednesday Service to mark the observance of Lent, and if we can find a cook we might even do a Fat Tuesday supper on that Tuesday (any volunteers)? I would like to thank each of you for being a part of this wonderful faith community. We have accomplished a lot of great things over the past year, we have welcomed new faces, and said goodbye to old friends. I do not know what this year will hold for us, but I do know that God will be with us and really, that is the only thing that matters. May God fill your hearts with hope and peace!



The Gathering

Order of Worship

Janet Arnett, Lay Speaker
Bren Marshall, Music Minister
Melodye Purdy, Video Production
Jubilee Ringers conducted by Beverly Beard

Join us in-person or via our Livestream that is broadcast thru our Facebook Page, our website, or our YouTube Channel!

As We Gather

Prelude and Greeting

*As we gather may your spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came*

*A Communal Prayer
The Lords Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdoms come. Thy will be done. On Earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin 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.*

Praise and Worship

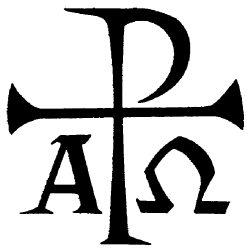
"Get Along" and "Honor Each Other" by Catherine Reed

We Listen for God's Word

A Reading from the Scriptures

John 11:17-27

Thanks be to God for the Gift of the Scriptures
THANKS BE TO GOD!



"All Things Bright & Beautiful" by John Rutter Performed by Bren Marshall

A Video Reflection

The Message

"I AM: the Resurrection & Life"

Rev Blake A. Lasater

"My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch, Performed by Bren Marshall

A Time to Remember

Remembering our Baptism

Sharing in Holy Communion

(if watching virtually, please have ready your bread and wine/juice in order to share with us)

We are Sent forth to be God's People

The Benediction

A Musical Benediction

*Go in Peace, and may the good Lord bless and keep you,
may the good Lord bless and keep you,
Till we meet, till we meet again. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Our Music for today

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"Those who sing, pray twice!" — Saint Augustine

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, god in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, all thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to Him cling.

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand, hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand

Covet not this world's vain riches, that so rapidly decay.
Seek to gain the heavn'ly treasures, they will never pass away.

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand, hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand

When your journey is complete, if to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in Glory, Your enraptured soul will view.

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand, hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand



Giving

Thank you all for your faithful generosity in 2022. We have met our budget obligations, paid our bills, and fulfilled our ministries/missions. End of year giving statements are being mailed out and you should receive them no later than by the end of the month. If you do not receive one by then please let the office know. I am grateful for all that you have given to make us who we are

Parents Who Grieve

Our community has experienced many tragedies where parents have lost children. We want to do all we can to support them in their grief, and so we are looking to start a support group for those parents. We are gathering an initial group. If you would like to be involved, please contact the church office: 479.253.8987.

Caregiver's Support Group

Caregivers Support Group meet in person each month on the **second Tuesday at 1:00 PM** in the church library beginning in January. Questions? Call Peggy Way 479.253.1583. Masks are optional.

Widow(er)s Support Group

Our support group for Widow(er)s meets the **first and third Wednesdays** each month at noon in the church library. All are either widows or widowers sharing their journey and experiences, supporting one another and discussing the different issues that widow(er)s face. If you know of a widow(er), let them know about our group. No one should be left to grieve alone or be misunderstood.

Parkinson's Support Group

A support group for people with Parkinson's meets the **first Wednesday** of each month in the church library at 10 AM. This is open to anyone in the community!



United
Women
in Faith

Inspire! Part of the Mission of United Women in Faith is to connect and nurture women to become Christian leaders. We grow stronger together as we share time with one another. A trip to Hobbs State Park is coming in February. Watch for details!

Bus Drivers

We have two wonderful assets for our church — the bus and the van, but unfortunately our insurance company now only covers drivers under the age of 65. If you are under the age of 65 and have a good driving record, we could really use your help in driving these vehicles on occasion. Please register with the office.

Meet and Greet the New Bishop

Bishop Merrill will be at Springdale First UMC on March the 5th for a special meet and greet with United Methodists in our area. We will be taking the bus over to Springdale, so if you would like to participate please call the office at 253-8987 to reserve your spot on the bus. Bishop Merrill is coming at time of great transformation and challenge, and we would like to show our support as she leads the Arkansas Conference thru these storms.

Shower/Laundry Ministry

Showers are available for use. This program is for any type of homeless situation where the client could benefit from having a shower. This helps people clean up so they can interview for jobs, and clean up while they are employed so they can keep the job.

Help spread the word about this new ministry. People should text “*SHOWER*” or call 479.981.1680 to schedule a shower. Our ministry team will meet them at church between 12 and 2 PM.

Answering the Call

ANSWERING THE CALL (ATC) Our food ministry “Answering the Call” has a new name and new contact info. We are now: **Carroll County Answering the Call or CCATC**. The new phone # **870-654-5050** and new email is martie@carrollcountyatc.org. Please check out the CCATC Facebook page < <https://www.facebook.com/CarrollCountyATC> > Bill Featherstone has some great posts about what’s happening and how to donate to keep this ministry going. Donations can be mailed to: CCATC at 195 Huntsville Rd., Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Lenten Bible Study

Adam Hamilton’s “The Way” will be our Lenten Bible Study this year. Hamilton will lead us in the footsteps of Jesus as we explore the teachings, the work, and the mission of Jesus Christ. These will be held on **Wednesdays at 2 PM** (Taught by the pastor) **and at 6 PM** (taught by Janet Arnett) in the church library. We are also looking for someone who might be interested in leading an evening version of this study (leadership guide provided). Books may be ordered via [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), click on this link and you will be taken directly to the book.

Music Position

We are on the search for a pianist/organist and a choir director or a combination of both. We need your help so please ask around. It is a part time position, requiring only three hours on Sunday morning. Bren has faithfully carried us thru the pandemic and is now moving on. We are grateful for the awesome talent he has shared with us. January 29, 2023 will be his last Sunday with us. Please take a moment to wish him well.

Holy Hikers

February 11 is our next hike, a Saturday, and it will be back to the Buffalo River area for an easy, flat hike called Sam’s Throne. We will grab lunch on the way home. We hope you can join us.

Top Photo

All the photos used are from my collection (it avoids the copyright hassle). Today’s photo is from Hillspeak, the Episcopal Retreat Center just south of our Church. They have a great book exchange where you can trade out books.

January

2023

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New Year's Day	OFFICE IS CLOSED	Cub Scouts 6 pm	ATC 8-11 Parkinson Group 10 am Widow(er)s Meeting Burning Bowl Ceremony NoonLibrary Boy Scouts 6 pm		Twelfth Night	
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I AM: The Bread of Life	Restorative Yoga 9 am	Caregiver's Support Group 1 pm Library Cub Scouts 6 pm	ATC 8-11 & Mobile Food Pantry 10 AM Boy Scouts 6 pm			
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