

“Being Born Anew”

(The asterisk (*) indicates those times in worship when those who are able are invited to stand.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

This is the first Sunday of the New Year 2020! We come together as men, women, boys and girls to celebrate new beginnings and to rejoice in the goodness of God! It is good to be together as part of a living and vital church to offer praise and thanksgiving to God.

We give thanks for God’s precious gift of the baby Jesus. We give thanks for God coming to earth in the form of a baby. We open our hearts to Jesus and we accept him as Savior and Lord of our lives and we seek to follow him into the New Year.

The New Year of 2020 is before us. We stand at the door of new beginnings and new opportunities as we seek to follow Jesus. There is a song in the air today – It is a song of new life, of God’s precious gift of Jesus. Together, let us open our hearts to be born anew – a fresh start – to embrace the goodness of God.

Today is a day of new beginnings. Today is a fresh start as we stand at the threshold of a New Year. We put the past behind us as we embrace the freshness of God’s grace and redeeming love. Let’s lift our voices and rejoice and give praise to God in Jesus Christ!

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH 249

“There’s A Song in the Air”

***Opening Prayer**

Lighting Our Christmas Candles

***Passing the Peace – Sharing in Christian Fellowship**

Children’s Time

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and God Moments

Silent Prayer

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.

***Hymn**

UMH 383

“This is A Day of New Beginnings”

Scripture Reading

John 3: 1-21

Response

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Being Born Anew”

Sacrament of Communion

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

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“Give Thanks”

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

UMH 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

This is a beautiful Christmas season! Thank you to everyone who has given in so many ways to make this season so joyful! Our church is filled with so many expressions of what Christmas is all about. We give thanks for everyone working together to share the light and love of Jesus in so many beautiful ways. Faith UMC makes a positive difference for all that is good – all to the Glory of God. This is Christmas! This is our ministry! To reach out in every way possible to live and share the Good News of God’s redeeming love in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Pianists: Suz Eberle and Kristie Shorter

Cowboy Church | Today, 6 pm | Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove UMC.

Trustees Meeting | Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm

Parish Council | Wednesday, January 8 at 6 pm | Parish Council meets in Spring Valley

Youth Group | Sunday, January 12 at 2 pm | Parish Youth Group will go bowling at Valley Lanes in Spring Valley. Meet at the bowling alley. Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning to attend.

Apportionments | The 2019 apportionments have been paid in full. Thank you for all of the generous donations that made this happen! As a congregation we can be so proud of fulfilling our role in John Wesley’s vision of connectionism for the Methodist Church. He felt that “watching over one another in love” was essential to our formation as Christ like people. Praise God! - Finance Committee

FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS	12/29/19
Needed for budget	\$3,481.77
Offering	\$2,585.00
Attendance	58

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