



# The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

January 5, 2014  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## Epiphany Sunday

### *Today's Scripture Passage*

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And 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. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

—John 1:1-18

*A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION*

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

## First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



**Gathering Music** "Aria" F. Peeters

**Welcome & Greeting** (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)  
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

\* **Opening Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**  
Leader: You, Creator God, brought light out of the darkness.  
**People: You, Protector God, marched before your people as a pillar of light in the desert night.**  
Leader: Your glory shone from the face of your son, Jesus,  
**People: Who alone could say, "I am the light of the world."**  
Leader: The people who sat in darkness,  
**People: Have seen a great light.**  
Leader: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,  
**People: For upon us has the Light shined!**

\***Musical Prayer** "There's Something About That Name" No. 171  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim;  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name.

### Quiet Reflection and Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Solo** "Hymn of Peace" M. McDonald  
Rosie O'Conner

**Scripture Reading** John 1:1-18

**Sermon** "Grace Alone" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

### Offering / Offertory

\* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94  
\* Prayer of Dedication

### Celebration of Holy Communion

Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

\* **Closing Hymn** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216

### \* Pastoral Benediction

### Postlude



\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



**Greetings & Announcements** (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)  
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**Prelude** "Aria" F. Peeters

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### Unison Prayer

God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we sometimes choose to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. Sometimes we forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us." Shine your light upon our path and walk with us through all the valleys of our lives. Hear our confession of those times when we try to forge ahead and handle life in our own strength. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Amen.

**Children's Message** Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams

**First Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-14 MaryAnn Burson

**Solo** "Hymn of Peace" M. McDonald  
Rosie O'Conner

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns\*\*

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Second Scripture Reading** John 1:1-18

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

\*\* Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!

\* Hymn "Savior of the Nations Come" No. 214  
(Alternate Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Sermon "Grace Alone" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" J. Brahms  
\* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of Holy Communion** Gluten free wafers are available.  
All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the  
sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

\* Closing Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216

\* Benediction

Postlude "Lobe Den Herren" J. Leavitt



### A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell ([joycebedell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycebedell@sbcglobal.net)), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00-11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given  
by Bettylou Miller in loving memory  
of her father, Robert Worth.*

*Many thanks to the following people for helping  
with our services this morning:*

**Sound Tech:** Jesse Nixon **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers  
**January Ushers:** (8:15) John Aten, Larry Neal, Pete Palmi  
(9:30) Dan Bollinger, David Holliman, Wendy Holliman,  
David Natzke, Bill Vanni, Bill Wilson

**Coffee Fellowship:** (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee  
and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall  
by the Cornerstone Sunday School Class.

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 AM



### Countdown

#### Welcome & Announcements

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

\* **Song** "Your Grace Is Enough" Maher

\* **Song** "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings"

**Children's Message** Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams

\* **Song** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Tomlin

**Scripture** Jeremiah 31:7-14

#### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

**Scripture** John 1:1-18

**Sermon** "Grace Alone" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Celebration of Holy Communion** Gluten free wafers are available.

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

\* **Closing Song** "In Christ Alone" Getty

\* **Benediction**



#### Service Notes

**The Offering we give** is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

**Please fill in the registration sheet** that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Remember to include your email address.

**We welcome you to Holy Communion** to experience the grace and love of God. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month. All who are seeking the grace of God through the presence of Jesus Christ are welcome to the table.

**Worship Team:** Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Mark & Janet Mason

**Refreshments:** Bruce and Kathy Locke

## UMCL News & Notes ~ January 5, 2014

**MANY THANKS** to Joannie Foley, Mike Foley, members of the Worship Committee, Kathie Slocum, and all those who donated poinsettias—for the wonderful Christmas decorations in the sanctuary this season. They are beautiful and added greatly to our celebration and services.

**MANY THANKS** to Jeff Brown, Jim Grace and members of the Adult Choir and the Heritage Bell Choir and to Blair Brockman and members of the Children's Choirs, and to all the excellent soloists for the great music you shared with us during Advent and Christmas. It lifted our hearts and helped us enter into the spirit of this holy season.

**SPECIAL CONCERT THIS FRIDAY!** Come to hear the Nebraska Wesleyan Choir in concert at UMCL this **Friday evening, January 10 at 7:30 PM!**

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!** We are hosting the Nebraska- Wesleyan Choir for dinner, a concert and an overnight stay in host homes on **Friday, January 10, 2014!** Please plan to attend the concert at 7:30 PM, and let Jim Grace know (847-362-3116) if you are willing to host two students overnight.

**ALL-CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT COMING SOON!** Save the Date! An overnight All-Church Women's Retreat entitled "Nature, Prayer and the Grace of God" will be held from **Friday evening, February 28 though Saturday afternoon, March 1, 2014** at a nearby retreat center. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead!

**2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES**—Boxes of 2014 offering envelopes are available in the Heritage area of the Church Foyer. Please stop by to pick up your box, making sure to verify your name and address. Please contact the Finance Office if you have questions or have trouble locating your offering envelopes.

**PRIME TIME** meets tomorrow at **Noon** for lunch (\$5). Back By Popular Demand —The White Elephant Gift Exchange!! Find your "White Elephant" around the house, wrap it and bring it for the exchange. The more unusual the gift, the more fun it will be!

**ALL-STARS** (3rd, 4th and 5th grade youth group) will meet on **Wednesdays, Jan. 8th & 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!

**TODDLER PLAY GROUP** meets **Tuesdays, January 14 & 28, 11:00 AM—12:30 PM** in the nursery. This is a great way to connect with other parents and their kids. Questions? Contact Julie Holdeman at [julieballing@gmail.com](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) or 847-986-6081.

**SOUPER GAME NIGHT** is a fun and flavorful multi-generational evening planned for **Saturday, January 18, 5:00—7:00 PM**. Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup and your favorite game to share! Please sign up in the church office or email [AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com).

**VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**—Mark your calendars! The Valentine Dance will be held on **Friday, February 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. All ages are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for our Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs, and also to help with our Special Children and Family Events this winter, including Family Game Night, Valentine's Day Dance, Family Mission Nights and the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Amanda Seibert at [AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 1:00 PM** with an 18-week study of Exodus in preparation for a study of the Book of Revelation. If you are interested in joining this group, call Joyce Jeffries at 847-566-6944.

**AD BOARD MEETING**—Our Administrative Board meets on **Saturday, January 11, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome to attend!

**NEW MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING STUDY** will begin **January 11, 2014 at 8:00 AM** with a 10-week study of "Good to Great in God's Eyes, Ten Practices Great Christians Have in Common." Each week will focus on one of the ten practices, viewing a 15 minute video on the subject, followed by lively group discussion. Please let Scott Allen (847-968-4565) know if you plan on attending, so he can order books (\$10/book).

## UMCL News & Notes Continued

**RUTH CIRCLE**—Come join Ruth Circle members as they host an Outreach Craft Project on Wednesday night, **January 15th**, in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own sack dinner at **6:00 PM** and after dining together we will get to work! Hope you can join us for a fun evening. No "real" crafty talents needed to participate!!! For more information call Mickey Donahue (847.367.4906)

**SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES CLASS**, taught by Woody Bedell, will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM, beginning **January 20**. Please call the church if you are interested.

**BOOKS AND BRUNCH ADVANCE NOTICE**—Save **February 22** for Books and Brunch, featuring Neta Jackson, author of Yada Yada Prayer Group series and others (most recent title Derailed). For information, contact Mary Ann Burson or Terry Johnson.

**MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP**—Following the completion of the study of Islam, the Monday Night Bible Study class will be studying The World's Religions by Huston Smith and using the accompanying DVD, Bill Moyers "The Wisdom of Faith" with Huston Smith. For additional information contact MaryAnn Burson at 847-270-0633 or bookwormburson@att.net.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**—If at the end of a hard year you more honestly love and are loved than at the beginning, it hasn't just been a hard year—it's been a very good year. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

**PADS HELP NEEDED**—We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service, or call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062.

**FABRIC NEEDED** for sewing school bags! The fabric should be sturdy; it may be used, if it is in good condition (such as drapery). Please leave donations in the office or in Room 101. Contact June McCoy with questions. Thank you!

**PANAMA MISSION 2014**—Thank you all for your donations of school supplies and beanie babies! Since we have 2 dentists going this year we will be seeing more children and therefore need **many small tubes of toothpaste**. We also need over-the-counter medicine - the list is in Fellowship Hall. Questions: call Becky Traut 847-367-0295.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JANUARY** will support— **1) Lake County Haven**: This organization strives to empower homeless women and their children to achieve permanent, independent living, with the goal that these individuals will never be homeless again. For additional information, go to [www.lakecountyhaven.org](http://www.lakecountyhaven.org), or call 847-680-1703. **2) Lake County United**, an independent, non-partisan organization of churches, synagogues, mosques, civic and non-profit institutions from across Lake County that have joined together to address issues of shared concern. To read about their recent successes and their initiatives, see their website [www.lakecountyunited.com](http://www.lakecountyunited.com).

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS**: Sign up on our website ([www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org)) or call the church office to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers. The altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).

**SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—We're looking for several volunteers to help with the sound system during Sunday morning services about once every 6-7 weeks. No technical background needed. This is a great opportunity for our youth, as well as adults. For more information, please contact the church office or Jon Elsea (847-362-8653).

**CHURCH SIGN VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** If you would be willing to change the message on our church sign on an occasional basis to let our community know of our worship schedule and special events, please contact the church office at 847-362-2112.

**COLLECTING FOAM FOR RECYCLING**. Again we will collect white packing foam for recycling. Please do not put this in your trash or your recycling bin—it needs special recycling. The city of Highland Park recycles it at 1180 Half Day Road, Tuesday—Friday, 7 AM - 1 PM, but we are willing to collect it and take it there sometime in January. The collection bin will be in the foyer of Fellowship Hall. Thanks - The Green Team.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 5, 2014

#### **~ Pajama Sunday! ~**

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)  
12:00 PM—Volunteer Training Lunch  
1:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee  
4:00 PM—Confirmation  
7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

### Monday, January 6, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time  
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, January 7, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)  
7:00 PM—Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, January 8, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:00 AM—MEMOS  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
7:00 PM—Building Committee  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

### Thursday, January 9, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's  
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, January 10, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum  
7:30 PM—Nebraska Wesleyan Choir Concert

### Saturday, January 11, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
8:30 AM—Ad Board  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

### Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)  
2:00 PM—Panama Mission Trip Orientation  
4:00 PM—Confirmation

### Monday, January 13, 2014

1:00 PM—BookTalkers  
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, January 14, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision

### Wednesday, January 15, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle

### Thursday, January 16, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's  
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, January 17, 2014

12:00 PM—Faithful Threads Retreat  
5:00 PM—Pinewood Derby Set-up  
6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings

### Saturday, January 18, 2014

7:00 AM—Pinewood Derby Pack #72  
8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
9:00 AM—Faithful Threads Retreat  
5:00 PM—Souper Family Game Night  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

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