



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

January 12, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passages

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. —Isaiah 42:1-9

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

—Matthew 3:13-17

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Sinfonia" G. F. Handel

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** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57, verses 1-4

* Call to Worship

Leader The earth has been sanctified, O Living Word, by your holy birth.
People The heavens with the stars declared your glory.
Leader Now the waters are blessed by your baptism in the flesh,
People and humanity has been restored once more to nobility.
Leader Christ is baptized.
People Coming up from the waters, he carries the universe.
Leader We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ!
People We praise you and glorify your holy name! Amen.

* **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

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon "The Human—God Connection" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna 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** "Open My Eyes, that I May See" No. 454

* 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 "Sinfonia" G. F Handel

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People The heavens with the stars declared your glory.
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Unison Prayer

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving our neighbors. Grant that we may find true joy and peace in this new year as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. For it is in your name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message Pastor Stephen C. Williams

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 Wendy Holliman

Anthem Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** "Spirit Song" No. 347

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

* 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!

Sermon "The Human—God Connection" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Where'er You Walk" G. F. Handel

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** "Open My Eyes, that I May See" No. 454

* **Benediction**

Postlude "March from 'Scipio'" G. F. Handel



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), 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
in loving memory of Rich Grayson,
husband of Susy and father to Jenna and James,
on the fifth Anniversary of Remembrance.*

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

Sound Tech: Bert Kibbler **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 Building Committee.

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** "Love the Lord" Brewster

* **Song** "King of Heaven" Baloché

Children's Message Pastor Stephen C. Williams

* **Song** "Breathe On Me" Fisher

Scripture Isaiah 42:1-9

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon "The Human—God Connection" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* **Closing Song** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloché

* **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: Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey,
Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

Refreshments: Charlotte Allen

UMCL News & Notes ~ January 12, 2014

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE invites you to "imagine"
the dreams of our church family coming to life:

- * Imagine... warm, brilliant and inviting lighting in the sanctuary
- * Imagine... improved sound in the sanctuary

Thank you: The Building Committee

SOUPER GAME NIGHT is a fun and flavorful multi-generational evening planned for **this 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.

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! Cookies are needed! If you can help or have questions, please contact Amanda at the church office or email AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com

BOOKS AND BRUNCH REGISTRATION is coming soon! \$10.00 registration for **February 22, 2014** event with Neta Jackson and Pam Sullivan from the Yada Yada Prayer Group. Watch for details. For information, contact Mary Ann Burson or Terry Johnson.

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 through 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.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Next gathering is **Tuesday, January 14, 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 or 847-986-6081.

ALL-STARS (3rd, 4th and 5th grade youth group) meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is **Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always 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.

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.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE is meeting **January 21st at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. MaryAnn Burson will give the program on Roma of Europe. Please join us! Any questions call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Extraordinary things happen when someone listens and attempts to understand. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK. With the New Year come new opportunities to serve! Why not make volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank part of your New Year's Resolution? The next volunteer slot for UMCL is **Wednesday, January 22, 6:00—8:00 PM.** We will be working at the Park City Distribution Center, where we will be sorting, labeling, and packing various products to be distributed among the Northern Illinois Food Pantries, including the ones in our congregational municipalities. If this is of interest to you, please contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com or (847)362-1385. Northern Illinois Food Bank **DEPENDS** on volunteers like you and me.

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.

PRIME TIME MEETS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3! Join us for lunch (\$5) at Noon. Search your home for items that were common in the 50's and 60's and bring them for our program. Points will be given for items and the table with the most points **WINS!** A list of suggestions will be next to the sign up sheet in the office. RSVP by Friday, January 31, to the church office (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to seeing you! ~ Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up on our website (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.

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!

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, 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.

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Church CALENDAR



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)
12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee
1:00 PM—Memorial Service
1:00 PM—Confirmation
2:00 PM—Panama Mission Trip Orientation

Monday, January 13, 2014

- 1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
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
6:00 PM—Ruth Circle
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

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
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
5:00 PM—Souper Family Game Night
4:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, January 19, 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)

Monday, January 20, 2014

- 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

- 9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
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
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations

Wednesday, January 22, 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—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:30 PM—Trustees

Thursday, January 23, 2014

- 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Endowment Committee
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, January 24, 2014

- 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, January 25, 2014

- 8:00 AM—United Methodist Men
8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
5:00 PM—PADS