

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE "God Is Here" UMH 660 Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God. . . we find comfort in the familiar.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Sometimes . . . moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: We may meet God. . . moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Children of God, come! . . . in familiar and unfamiliar a like.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Where Charity And Love Prevail" UMH 549

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH, as we sing **Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.** (repeat if necessary)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NT – page 164

PSALM 71:1-6 UMH 794

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:21-30 NT – page 57

ANTHEM (11:00 A.M.) "To Love Our God" Hayes

SERMON "How Old Are We" Reverend Ed Priestaf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION UMH 12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION UMH 12

SHARING OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" arr. Schrader TFWS 2193

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise
the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

VISITORS

Welcome to Long Memorial United Methodist Church!

We are glad that God guided you to be a part of our worship today.

___ First time visitor

___ New in the community

___ Would you like to receive our newsletter?

(Place this in the offering plate or give to the Pastor)

Please share your contact information so we may welcome you and fulfill your requests.

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

May we visit you? _____

____ I need prayer regarding

_____ (be specific)

___ I know someone who needs prayer

_____ (your name)

___ I need a call/visit from the Pastor

___ I would like to become a member of Long Memorial UMC

Name:

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

(Place this in the offering plate or give to the Pastor)

CLOSING PRAYER
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN "Lord, Speak To Me" UMH 463

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION HYMN (8:45 A.M.)

*POSTLUDE "Grazioso" Telemann

*Please Stand As You Are Able

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Maria and John Bullock in the death of John's mother Charlaime Bullock.

THE ROSE BUDS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are in honor of Elodie Pearl Gillis and Rosalie Kait Gillis twin daughters of Phillip and Candace Gillis born on January 8, 2025. Proud grandparents are Steve and Loudell Medford, Danny Long, Urel and Wilma Gillis. Congratulations!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Bill Westenberger to the glory of God and "now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:
Sunday: 8:45 A.M. - Early Church - Chapel
11:00 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary
2:00-4:00 P.M. - Baby Shower - Harris Hall
5:00 P.M. - Confirmation & Youth
Monday: 7:00 P.M. - Mission Committee - Library
Tuesday: 5:30 P.M. - Garden Club - Harris Hall

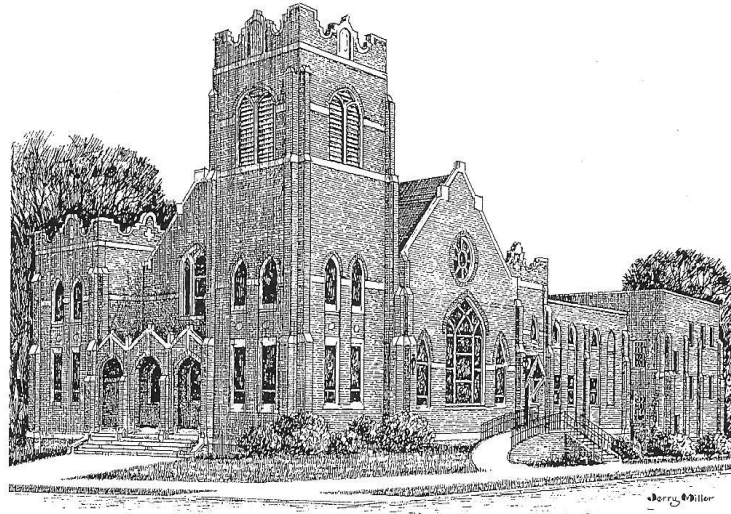
PRAYER LIST: Emmery Duncan, Bryan Westmoreland, Wilbur Brann, Leon Long, Cleo Winters, Eddie Bridges, Martha Butler, Dan Butler, Tom Hill Clayton, Rosalie Gates, Elizabeth Sabiston, Conrad Kimbrough, Paula Gentry Siegel.

PLEASE STOP BY THE FLOWER CALENDAR ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY AND SIGN UP IN 2025 TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY.

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents - please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with the nursery attendants so if you are needed they will be able to get in touch with you.

Church Staff:
Rev. Ed Priestaf, Pastor
Noah Vaughn, Duke Student Intern
Charles Higgins, Music Director
Janna Kisner, Organist
Peggy Wade, Church Secretary
Pam Day, Preschool Director
Autumn Gentry, Children & Youth Ministries Director
Billie Oakley, Church Treasurer
Sherry Clayton & Kayla Brown, Nursery Attendants

This Week's Scripture	Next Week's Scripture
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalms 71:1-6	Psalms 138
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5: 1-11



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus

For The Transformation Of The World

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.