

Sermon Outline

- I. **Jesus received his performance review before he began to work.**
- II. **Hard work does not always produce fruit.** Hosea 10:12 NLT
- III. **Get a subsoiler.** Hosea 10:12-13 NIV
- IV. **Is it time to change the crop you are sowing for?** Luke 1:57-66
- V. **Time to sow!**

Announcements

Youth Sunday Night Live. Youth will meet this Sunday 4-5 pm in Sturgis for a fun time of worship with games, youth band, and devotional time.

Food Pantry. Our next distribution day is Tuesday, January 18th. The requested food donation item is peanut butter. We are totally out, and it's hard to find through the Food Bank.

UMW News. The United Methodist Women Southwest District will meet at Arkadelphia FUMC on Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, for UMW Officers' Training. The meeting will be in the Upper Room Classroom.

The Arkadelphia UMW will meet Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in the Upper Room Class! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our program "Nehemiah Throws a Party!!" Welcome back in-person UMW meetings!

Tamale Fundraiser. St. Mary's Catholic Church, one of our Food Pantry members from the beginning, is having a tamale sale Saturday, January 29th, from 6-8:00 pm and Sunday, January 30th, from 3:30-4:40 pm at St. Mary's (251 North 14th Street). Partial proceeds donated to the Pantry.

Chicken, Pork or Jalapeno & Cheese available - \$10/half dozen or \$18/dozen. Tickets are available through St. Mary's or from Debbie Blanton or Harley Martinelli. Please order in advance.

Please Remember:

- A. You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- B. Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/fumcark> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark>.
- C. Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged.

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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.

*It is time
to seek
the Lord*

**Luke 1:57-66 &
Hosea 10:12-13**



First United Methodist Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

11:00 Worship Service
Arkadelphia, AR

Welcome Wanda O'Quinn

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee
In the Bleak Midwinter
-by Allen Gibbs

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Acolytes
Reader: Like Mary "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"
(Light All Candles including the Center white "Christ" candle)
People: "for he has been mindful of the humble state of his" servants. God goes before us to guard, guide, and empower us to love others as we have been loved by Him.

*Prayer of Confession Congregation
and Invitation of God's Presence and Power
Our Father in heaven, nearer than our breath, thank you for this new year in Christ. Forgive us for drifting off to sleep, for saying the words of the creeds, prayers, scripture, and Advent readings yet not putting them into play. May these days be a time of awakening—to your good-ness, to your better-ness, to your best-ness. Wrap us in the armor of light. Come, Holy Spirit, wrap us in the arms of the life and love of Jesus and make us such persons of embrace for others. In the name of Jesus Messiah—the one who has come, is here, and is coming again—for his glory and our good. Amen.

UMW Presentation Wanda O'Quinn, Laverne Todd
Penny Ferguson, Nellene Roberts

*Hymn No. 246 Joy to the World UMH

*Christmas Creed Congregation

Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings, & Extra Dollars

Pastoral Prayer and Offering Pastor Randy
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Sweet, Little Jesus Boy
-by Robert MacGimsey
Wesley Lamendola, Baritone

*Doxology
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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reading God's Word Out Loud Luke 2:1-7
Hear the Word of the LORD

"When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "It is time to seek the Lord" Pastor Randy

A Service of Word and Table II UMH P. 12

*Hymn of Response UMH No. 230
O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Randy

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee
March of the Three Kings
-arr. Henry Kihiken

Flowers

The flowers on the altar rail are placed in honor of the United Methodist Women for 153 years of serving in mission endeavors of the United Methodist Church.

The Christmas Creed

I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, such as the songs we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices, from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season. I believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid—that the child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas, that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the One born in the stables for he lives today as surely as he lived then. Amen.