—Welcome—

Whether you are new to Salisbury or new to our church, we are so grateful that God has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and invite you to register your attendance with us online at: https://www.fumcsalisbury.org/attendance-for-live-stream. If you would like more information about our church and opportunities to be more connected with our church family, please visit our website at fumcsalisbury.org.

—Parish Notes—

We are pleased to welcome **The Rev. N. Fred Jordan, Jr.** as our guest preacher this morning. Fred is no stranger to First Methodist, as he is a retired elder of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and serves as an Adjunct Professor of United Methodist Studies at Hood Theological Seminary.

Weekday volunteers are needed to help staff the Fisher Street Lobby desk, morning and afternoon shifts are available. For more information, please contact Becca Blackmon, *Church Administrator,* at becca@fumcsalisbury.org.

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, **the Church Office will be closed TOMORROW, January 17.**

Music ministry rehearsals will resume next week, with **Handbells meeting Mondays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in room B104**, and **Chancel Choir meeting on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.** All are welcome to join us – no prior experience required!

Please plan to join us for **Fifth Sunday Seminary** on **Sunday, January 30 at 09:45 a.m. in the Chapel**, with David P. Nelson, PhD., President of Catawba College.

Join us for a **trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter** with Burke Christian Tours, **April 27 – 29, 2022.** Reserve your spot with a $200 non-refundable deposit per person. Deadline for deposit is March 01. Total trip cost is: $670 (single occupancy) | $565 (double) | $529 (triple) | $509 (quad). Optional travel insurance is available at an additional cost of $65 per person, due with deposit. For more information and itinerary, please contact Josh Starnes at josh@fumcsalisbury.org.

Rowan Helping Ministries is in need of volunteer groups and/or individuals to help serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Jeannie's Kitchen. If you are available to serve or for more information, please contact Caroline Forrestor at 704-637-6838, ext. 108.

—Prayer & Care—

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request, please share that need through our website at: **fumcsalisbury.org/prayer**, or contact Pastor Mark. All requests are confidential.

Those in need of pastoral counseling may contact Garry Cook, our Counseling Center Pastoral Counselor, by phone at: 704.375.5354, x. 405, or by email at: gcook@scgnc.org. For more information, please visit: **fumcsalisbury.org/counseling-center.**

—Coming Up This Week—

For more information about upcoming events, please visit: fumcsalisbury.org/calendar.
Church Office Hours: Mondays – Fridays (08:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 16 (Epiphany II)
09:45 a.m. – Sunday School (Online via Zoom)
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship (Online via YouTube)

Monday, January 17
Church Office Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
6:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts (Scout Basement)
7:00 p.m. – BSA Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 18
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18 – 25)
08:30 a.m. – Women's Prayer Breakfast (Hendrix BBQ, 1624 W. Innes St.)
10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting (Office Suite)
5:00 p.m. – Deadline for weekly Worship Guide Announcement submissions (email to josh@fumcsalisbury.org)
6:00 p.m. – Trustees' Meeting (Online via Zoom)

Wednesday, January 19

Thursday, January 20
6:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting (Online via Zoom)

Friday, January 21
6:00 p.m. – Mission Bridge Meeting (B107-Parlor)

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23 (Epiphany III)
Ecumenical Sunday
08:30 a.m. – Service of Worship (Sanctuary)
09:30 a.m. – Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
09:45 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
4:00 p.m. – Salisbury Youth (C200-Youth Lounge)

Lessons for NEXT Sunday:

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 12.12-31a

Luke 4.14-21

The Giving *of* God's Tithes *and* Our Offerings

Ways to give to support the ministries and mission of FUMC:

- Place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to be redirected to our secure Online Giving Portal at fumcsalisbury.org/online-giving.
- Mail or drop-off your gift at the Church Office: 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144-4927.

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Our Mission:
To make and nurture Christian disciples through the presence and power of God.

The Lord's Day Service *of* Worship

—The Second Sunday *after* the Epiphany—

Sunday, January 16, *Anno Domini* 2022 | 11:00 *in the morning* | The Sanctuary

✠ *denotes the People stand, in body or in spirit, as able.* *The People's responses are printed in* **bold.**

Please silence all devices.

—Entrance *and* Gathering—

Silent Prayer *of* Preparation *for* Worship

O Living Christ, You changed Cana's water into festal wine. Transform our common worship into celebration, that we may taste Your glory here and now and anticipate that heavenly banquet where we shall behold Your face forever. *Amen.*

Welcome — The Rev. N. Fred Jordan, Jr.

Prelude — Joshua Starnes, *Director of Music Ministry*
A Taste of Cana's Wine from *A Wedding Triptych* — by David Evan Thomas (b. 1958)

✠ Call *to* Worship *(responsively)* — *based on Isaiah 60*

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,
for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.
The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.
Come, let us sing to our Light and Salvation!

✠ Processional Hymn: No. 103 *(sung by all)* — St. Denio

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

✠ Confession *of* Sin — Taffy Jordan, *liturgist*

The Light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us humbly confess our sins before God and one another. *–based on John 3.19*

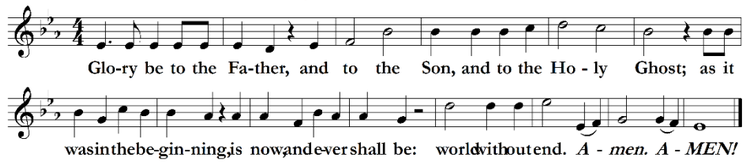
[silence follows for private reflection and personal confession]

Almighty and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You and one another
in both our actions and inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the Light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumined by Your Word and Sacrament,
may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. ***Amen.***

✠ ASSURANCE *of* GOD'S PARDON *from I John 1.5-7*

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;
but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

✠ *GLORIA PATRI:* HYMN NO. 71 *(sung by all)* GREATOREX



Words: *Gloria Patri,* the Lesser Doxology, II Century Latin; Anonymous.
Music: GREATOREX; Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851.

—PROCLAMATION *of* GOD'S WORD—

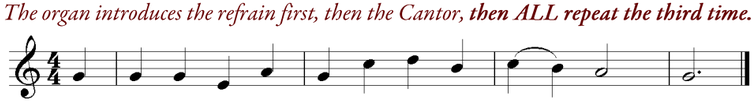
PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Shine Your truth into our lives, O God,
sharpening our awareness of Your abundant gifts
and attuning us to the signs by which You would lead us.
As heirs of Your promise,
we seek to be guided by Your eternal purposes,
that the Church may make Your wisdom known,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. ***Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 62.1-5 (NRSV Pew Bible, OT: *p. 692*)

GRADUAL PSALMODY *(responsorially)* Psalm 36.5-10: *Dixit injustus*

The organ introduces the refrain first, then the Cantor, ***then ALL repeat the third time.***



5 Your love O LORD reaches to the heavens,
and Your faithfulness to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, Your justice like the great deep;
You save both man and beast O LORD.
7 How priceless is Your love O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow of Your wings.

Refrain

8 They feast upon the abundance of Your house;
You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
9 For with You is the well of life,
and in Your light we see light.
10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know You,
and Your favor to those who are true of heart.

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 12.1-11 (NRSV Pew Bible, NT: *p. 174*)

✠ SEQUENCE HYMN: NO. 596 *(sung by all)* LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

✠ GOSPEL LESSON John 2.1-11 (NRSV Pew Bible, NT: *p. 93*)

...This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON
"Digging Deeper"

—RESPONSE *to* GOD'S WORD—

✠ HYMN *of* RESPONSE *(sung by all)* ELLACOMBE

In Cana at a Wedding Feast

1. In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked His first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day, His friends believed in Him.

2. Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat.
He healed their sick, then told His own, "You give them food to eat!"
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal He blessed, with baskets left to spare.

3. Out on the sea, the winds were strong; the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear when He came walking by.
"Take heart, for it is I!" He said, and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts; God's world was in His hand.

4. The blind, the poor, the outcast too, found Christ to be their friend.
"Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said. "I want to see again."
With great compassion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.
Through deeds of power, deeds of love, He filled our world with light.

5. O Lord, we see Your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to Your Church, You make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for You are in control!

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961); © 1999;
Music: Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784.

✠ AFFIRMATION *of* OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick* and the dead. *[*living]*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,** *[**universal; Christian]*
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. ***Amen.***

PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE *(responsively)*

...LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)* *from Matthew 6.9b-13*

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.***

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

—SENDING FORTH—

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN: NO. 555 *(sung by all)* ST. GERTRUDE

Forward Through the Ages ***[with "A-MEN" after final stanza]***

✠ BENEDICTION *and* DEPARTURE *into* THE MISSION FIELD

You are invited to bow your head and extend your hands for the blessing.

POSTLUDE Joshua Starnes, *Director of Music Ministry*
Wedding March from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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