

**11:00 am Worship**  
**February 23, 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>May Jesus Christ Be Praised</i>	Paula Haddix
<b>Invocation</b>		Ray Kirby
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Surely the Presence</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i>	Hymn #4

**\*Responsive Reading**

Adapted from Psalm 119

How can we stay on the path of purity?

**By living according to the word of God.**

Lord, may we seek You with all our hearts;

**Do not let us stray from Your commands.**

May we hide Your word in our hearts

**that we might not sin against You.**

So may we delight in Your decrees;

**May we not neglect Your word.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed***

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.*

*\*means universal*

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *Speak, O Lord* Hymn #432

**Children's Moment**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music** *On This Rock We Stand* Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

**Message** *"Blind Spots"* Rev. Clint McBroom  
*Unlikely Heroes – Judges 11*

**\*Hymn of Invitation** *Be Thou My Vision* Hymn #49

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Day by Day* Paula Haddix

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*\*please stand as you are able*

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Don & Anne Bryant, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Helen & Travis Fincher and Alma & Cullen Bryant.*

## Sign-Ups

Name(s):

### MISSION MINISTRIES NEEDS Mission House

***Items needed:***

- All Hygiene Products for men & woman
  - King & Queen size sheets
  - Boy size 18 months & 2T clothes
  - Girl size 18 months & 3T clothes

### **ACTS**

***Items needed:***

- 2 lb. bags of cornmeal and flour

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

- Waters
  - Juice boxes
  - SpaghettiOs
  - Chef Boyardee
  - Beanee Weenee
  - Mac & Cheese
- (easy breakfast & lunch items)

*You can place all mission items in the collection bins by the Coke machine in the downstairs hallway or bring to office.*

Welcome!  
We're glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

## Prayer Requests

### Financial Update – February 19, 2025

Contributions:

Last week \$ 7,500

Needed each week \$ 7,981

Year to Date:

YTD Contributions & Income \$ 56,818

YTD Expenses \$ 64,914

Difference - \$ 8,096

First Methodist now has the ability to give via Venmo. Username: @fmctallassee

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## Announcements

### This afternoon

4:00 pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal, *bell room*

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*

5:00-6:30 pm - Youth & Kids - dinner provided, *fellowship hall*

### Monday, February 24

6:00 pm – Town Hall Meeting, *fellowship hall*

### Tuesday, February 25

9-11:00 am - Chrismons, *fellowship hall*

### Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Mission House Open

6:00 pm - Food & Fellowship meal provided by *Group 1*

6:30-7:15 pm - Small Groups, Youth & Kids Classes

### CHURCH-WIDE TOWN HALL MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED COVERED WALKWAY

Our church council has explored building a covered walkway from the parking lot to the main church entrance by the Fellowship Hall. We will hold a **town hall** meeting at **6 PM on Monday, February 24th** in the **Fellowship Hall** to present the plan and to receive and answer questions and feedback from the church family. You are invited to come and share your feedback and ask whatever questions you may have.

### A TIME OF REVIVAL AND AWAKENING

Join our Lenten Revival on March 16-18. Dr. George Mathison will be our guest preacher. We will have a combined 10 AM worship in the sanctuary on the 16th, and then have evening services on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. There will be light refreshments before each evening service in the Fellowship Hall.

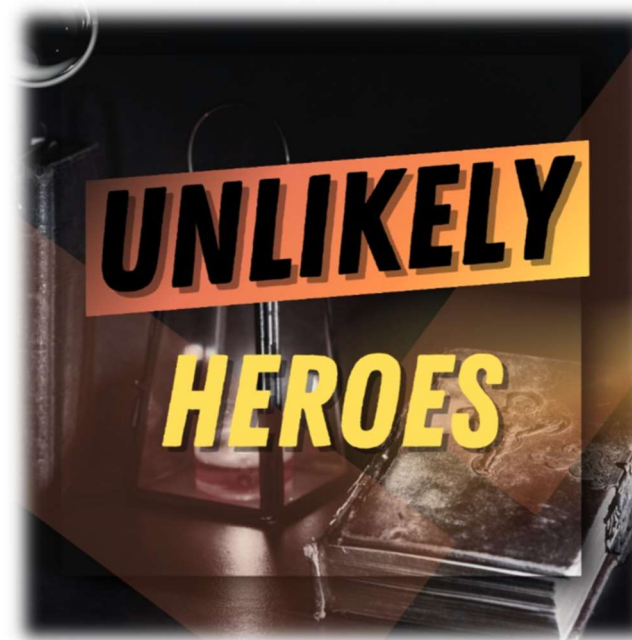
### ASH WEDNESDAY

Marks the beginning of the season of Lent: a time of penitence, fasting, and prayer, in preparation for the great feast of the resurrection. Throughout the Old Testament, ashes are used as a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have traditionally used ashes to indicate sorrow for our own sin. But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the Cross in Baptism, we are also reminded of the life we share in Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Romans 5:17, 6:4). It is in this sure hope that we begin the journey of these forty days, that by hearing and answering our Savior's call to repent, we may enter fully into the joyful celebration of his resurrection.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be **Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 PM** in the **sanctuary**.

### COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Women's Circle is going to prepare the **Fellowship Meal at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 2** using recipes from our church cookbook. They will also host games and events at 6:30, which will replace the regular adult and student small groups. **Donations for the meal will go toward the Peggy Jones Scholarship Fund.**



"Blind Spots"  
Judges 11