

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Four Oaks United Methodist Church  
“Overflowing with Hope” Romans 15:13

January 5, 2025 11am

*(Large-print bibles/hymnals are available; an usher can help you with these items. We also have gifts for our guests.)*

### Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Joy to the World” (from Christmas Cantata)

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us dance with delight in the Lord!

**All: Our hearts are filled with rejoicing!**

Leader: Arise and shine, for our Light has come!

**All: Our Savior Jesus is the Light of the world!**

Opening Hymn: #219 “What Child Is This”

Opening Prayer:

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6  
Children’s Message

### Proclamation of the Word

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12  
Sermon “Traveling for Grace” Rev. Adam Charville

### Response to the Word

The Great Thanksgiving p.8  
Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition #607  
Sharing of Joys & Concern  
Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Doxology: #94 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

### Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: #245 “The First Noel”

Benediction

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

### Assisting in Worship

Usher: Bridget Lassiter  
Greeter: Lucy Lassiter  
Children’s Church: Debbie  
Nursery: Sarah Thompson  
Nursery Next Sunday (1/12): Sarah Thompson  
Sound/Video: Keith Beamon, Gordon & Elliot Isaacs,  
Emily Kirsch, Dodd Matthews

Last Week’s Attendance: Sunday School: 15

Worship: 61 (In-Person) Online: 12

Last Week’s Offering: General Fund: \$6,414 (*\$4,000 needed each week*)

Albert’s Fund: \$1,382

Backpack Buddies: \$100

Building Fund: \$200

Youth Group: \$125

### Cares of the Congregation

Tim Allen, Diane & Jack Austin, Scott Barnes, Gertrud Beaver, Albert Brewer, Lisa Carrillo, Shelby Cox, Donald Creech, Debbie Denton, Edna Eubanks, Phil Haberman, Dexter Henry, Sharon Hernandez, Al Holcutt, Danny and Sandra Honeycutt, Greg Hooks, Connie Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Toni Langley, Linda Lassiter, Ashley McDaniel, Mandy Mickley, Brian Mobley, Grant Myrick, Tonya Parker, Judy Shaw, Heather Sloan, Barbara Stephenson, Lisa Weaver, Misty Wrench

### Nursing & Rest Home Care

Hilda Dunn (Liberty Commons), Mike Wagon (McLamb’s)

### Bereavement Prayer

Phil Shaw

### **Opportunities This Week**

- Today: 9:30am, Holy Grounds  
10:00am, Sunday School (*Classes for all ages*)  
11am, Worship  
5pm, Youth Group
- Wednesday: 5pm, Christmas Cleanup  
5:45pm, Choir Practice
- Saturday: 9am, Admin. Council Yearly Planning
- Next Sunday: 9:30am, Holy Grounds  
10:00am, Sunday School  
11am, Worship  
5pm, Youth Group

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- Administrative Council Yearly Planning Meeting: Saturday, 11 January, from 9am-1:30pm.
- Nursery Helpers Needed for 2025: Please let Shannon or Olivia know if you can help with this necessary ministry at FOUMC!
- Body and Soul Café: Begins Wednesday, 15 January. Please plan to join us for food, fun, fellowship, and study!
- UMM Church Inspection: The UMM and Trustees will be doing an inspection and needs of church facilities on Saturday, 18 January at 9am.
- Welcome Cards/Pastoral Care Needs: Are you new to FOUMC or want to be part of our weekly emails? Would you like a visit or conversation with Pastor Adam? Please fill out our new cards available on each pew or on the table in the balcony and place them in the offering plate.