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# Gay Street UMC

*Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service*



**Sanctuary, January 19, 2025**

***From Excluded to Included***

*and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*  
**- Ephesians 3:19**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org), Facebook, or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** [office@gaystreetumc.org](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

Sermon Notes:

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**Upcoming dates to remember:**

- Weekly on Thursdays: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- TODAY: First Mission Trip Meeting on the 3rd floor at 12:15pm to anyone who plans on going or who are interested in attending.**
- January 20th, Office is Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
- January 21st, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 1pm–6pm.
- January 21st, Trustees at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.
- January 22nd, We will have a guest speaker: Dr. John Byron from 6:30–8pm. This event will also be livestreamed! “From Scroll to Bible” How the modern Bible came to be.**
- January 24th Youth Lock-In from 6:30pm – January 25th at 7:30am.**

Our Tree of Sharing becomes The Giving Tree for the students at Pleasant Street Elementary School. This year the items being asked for are shirts, sweatshirts, pants, socks, shoes, and underwear for both boys & girls; sizes X-small to X-large. These items can be placed on or around the tree from now, until the end of January, in the Red Parlor. Contact Gayle James with any questions!

**Join us Wednesday evenings for food & fellowship at 5:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. Session ‘Making Sense of the Bible’ study led by Pastor Christopher on Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm, in the Varsity Room.**

**Youth Bible study led by Logan on the 3rd floor; Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm**

**Ways to Serve the Community and beyond, can be found on our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org) under the service tab.**

**Serving in Worship Volunteer Opportunities:** Liturgist, Lay Readers, USHERS, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

**Our Mission**

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Pavane*, by Gabriel Faure Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop  
**Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

\*Gathering Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* UM Hymnal 545

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

**C: members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.**

L: There are no outsiders here among us, no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

**C: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.**

L: Let’s join together in worship!

**C: Let us celebrate our unity in Christ and connection to each other.**

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children’s Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*

**Lyrics:**

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

Children’s Message Logan Hines

**INTO THE WORD**

Colossians 1:15–17 Lay Reader: Lee Dunlop

Ephesians 2:11–22

Response to the Word *\*Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message From Excluded to Included Rev. Christopher Liberati

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UM Hymnal 299

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer–UM Hymnal 895

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:  
*When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.*

Offertory *Medley of the Cross* Chancel Choir  
arr. by Howard Helvey

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

\*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Parting *In Christ There Is No East or West* UM Hymnal 548

\*Benediction

Postlude *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound* Janet Guetle  
by David N. Johnson

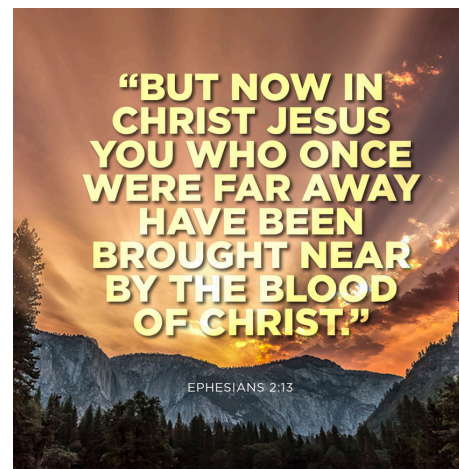
**Serving in Worship:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Morgan Mills & Anthony Liberati

Sound: Carol Moore & Jassmine Bayless

Ushers: Marcia Brown



**Did you know?**

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.