

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dawn Porter in celebration of her grandchildren's birthdays in January! Happy birthday to Cameron and Rachel Porter. I am blessed to be a part of their lives.

Gay Street UMC

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



Upcoming dates to remember:

Weekly on Thursdays: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.

-TODAY: Painting the Youth room, 12:15pm-3:15pm.

-January 6th, Piece Corps at 10am.

-January 7th, Church Council at 7pm.

-January 13th, United Women in Faith at 1pm.

-January 17th, The Closet at 5pm.

-January 19th, First Mission Trip Meeting on the 3rd floor, 12:15pm-1:15pm.

-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!

-To sign up to be a chef for the CHILI COOK-OFF, call the office or sign up in the parlor. Save the date: January 12th at 12pm in Fellowship Hall!

Wednesday night meal and Bible studies will resume on January 8th

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 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.

Chapel, January 5, 2025

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

- Matthew 2:12

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: 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
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **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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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude *Gesu Bambino*, by Pietro A. Yon Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Christopher Liberati
Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* UM Hymnal 238

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

L: Darkness is banished!

C: God’s light has come to us!

L: The brightness of the Star leads us!

C: We come to celebrate God’s abiding love!

L: Glory be to God in the Highest!

C: And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Isaiah 60:1–6 Lay Reader: Montez Morey

*Matthew 2:1–12

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

Message *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* UM Hymnal 249

Morning Prayer

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.

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

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UM Hymnal 247

*Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World*, arr. by Norman Johnson Janet Guetle

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.