

# Worship Service

\*\* indicates that the people should stand, if able.

## GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE IN NEW WAYS “Rule of Life”

## PRELUDE, BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### \*\*OPENING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

#254

### \*\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Leader: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ.

People: Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

ALL: Amen

## CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Joyce Stanley                   Elaine Lucas  
Jim Eklund                   John Spanton  
Joseph Lipichok                   Carol Jones  
Taylor Deatsch                   Colleen Kimble  
Lynn Godwin                   Darla Moylan  
Jim Gillespie                   Nathan Thompson  
Larry & Connie McCurdy

Lord,

We lift in prayer all these we have named. We also ask for your mercy for all those who are suffering. For those of us in war torn areas, Lord, bring us hope and reasons for joy. We lift up those who find themselves without housing, and those who are trying to help. Guide us toward policies that help all of us to thrive. Open our hearts to find understanding and cooperation instead of discord and polarization. Help us all as we make our way into the future as our country and our world deal with these and many other changes. Guide our leaders to careful LISTENING, accuracy in discernment of your will for our country, WISDOM in making their decisions, and to promote LOVE of one another in these days. Help us all to know the joy of doing good work together. For all of us suffering from grief, anxiety, depression, or suffering from abuse, and living in fear, sow among us faith in your purpose, to bring us to a future defined by HOPE. Give us a season of PEACE and the joys that come with it, our rock and our redeemer.

Liturgist – Marcia Gaines

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

## OFFERING

You can send your tithes, offerings and pledge cards to:

First United Methodist Church  
201 North Court Street  
Fairfield, IA 52556

\*\*Doxology

\*\*Offertory Prayer

## \*\*GOSPEL LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

UMH #95

John 1:1-18

## HYMN SING

Hark The Herald Angels Sing, verses 1, 3

Blessed Assurance

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

It Is Well With My Soul, verses 1, 3, 4

Be Thou My Vision

How Great Thou Art, verses 1, 4

#240

#369

#400

#377

#451

#77

## \*\*CLOSING SONG

“God Be With You”

#672

## \*\*BLESSING AND SENDING

## \*\*SUNG BENEDICTION

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## Serving You in Worship

**Minister:** Pastor Al Coffin

**Youth Director:** Elly Stremsterfer

**Lay Leader:** Jim Flinspach

**Liturgist:** Jon Funkhouser

**Choir Director:** Jim Edgeton

**Organist/Pianists:** LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre

**Sound & Tech Team:** Cole Boatright, Carrie Brownlee, Greg Dorrell, Sharon Flinspach, Ben Gardner, Frazer Jones, Gary Roth and Elly Stremsterfer

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Fairfield First United Methodist Church

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**Website:** [fairfieldmethodistchurch.org](http://fairfieldmethodistchurch.org)

**Weekly Radio Broadcast:** 10:35 a.m. on 1570AM-KMCD

**Prayer Link:** Email or call the church office



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## Reflection Questions

*Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: (1-9), 10-18*

- The word for “to gather up” in Ephesians 1:1- is only found one other place in the New Testament, Romans 13:9 where Paul declares that all the commandments are “summed up” in the commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself.” How does having all things gathered up in Christ relate to the summing up of the law?
- Many churches celebrate a gathering together like “homecoming.” How does our church celebrate reunions of our scattered Body of Christ?
- Look through a hymnal to find hymns that use the word “gather” or “gathering.”
- Create a prayer using some of the verbs that resonate with you from these texts.

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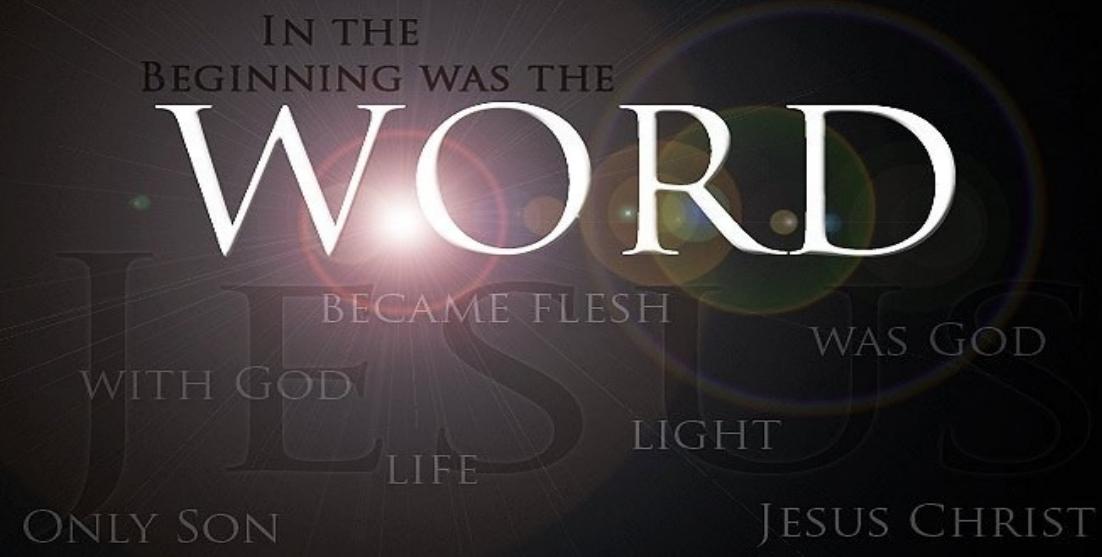


*Our Mission:  
Knowing Christ  
Sharing His Love  
Helping Others  
to Know Him*

*Sunday, January 4, 2026  
10:35 a.m. In-Person,  
YouTube LIVE!  
& Radio Broadcast*

JOHN 1:1

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