

Worship Service

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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** Liturgist – Marcia Gaines
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	Rosalie Cochran Thompson	Lorelee Brown
Jim Eklund	John Spanton	Doug Marshall	Butch Bloomquist
Joseph Lipichok	Carol Jones	Heather Brown	Yenifer Jimenez
Taylor Deatsch	Colleen Kimble	Camille McDonnell	Pat Centner
Lynn Godwin	Darla Moylan	Chuck Espy	Kayla Weirup
Jim Gillespie	Nathan Thompson	Cheryl Clement	
Larry & Connie McCurdy		The Friends & Family of Dorothy Robertson	

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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** UMH #95
****Offertory Prayer**

****GOSPEL LESSON** **John 1:1-18**

HYMN SING

<i>Hark The Herald Angels Sing, verses 1, 3</i>	#240
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#369
<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	#400
<i>It Is Well With My Soul, verses 1, 3, 4</i>	#377
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#451
<i>How Great Thou Art, verses 1, 4</i>	#77

****CLOSING SONG** *“God Be With You”* #672

**BLESSING AND SENDING

**SUNG BENEDICTION

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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Website: 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.

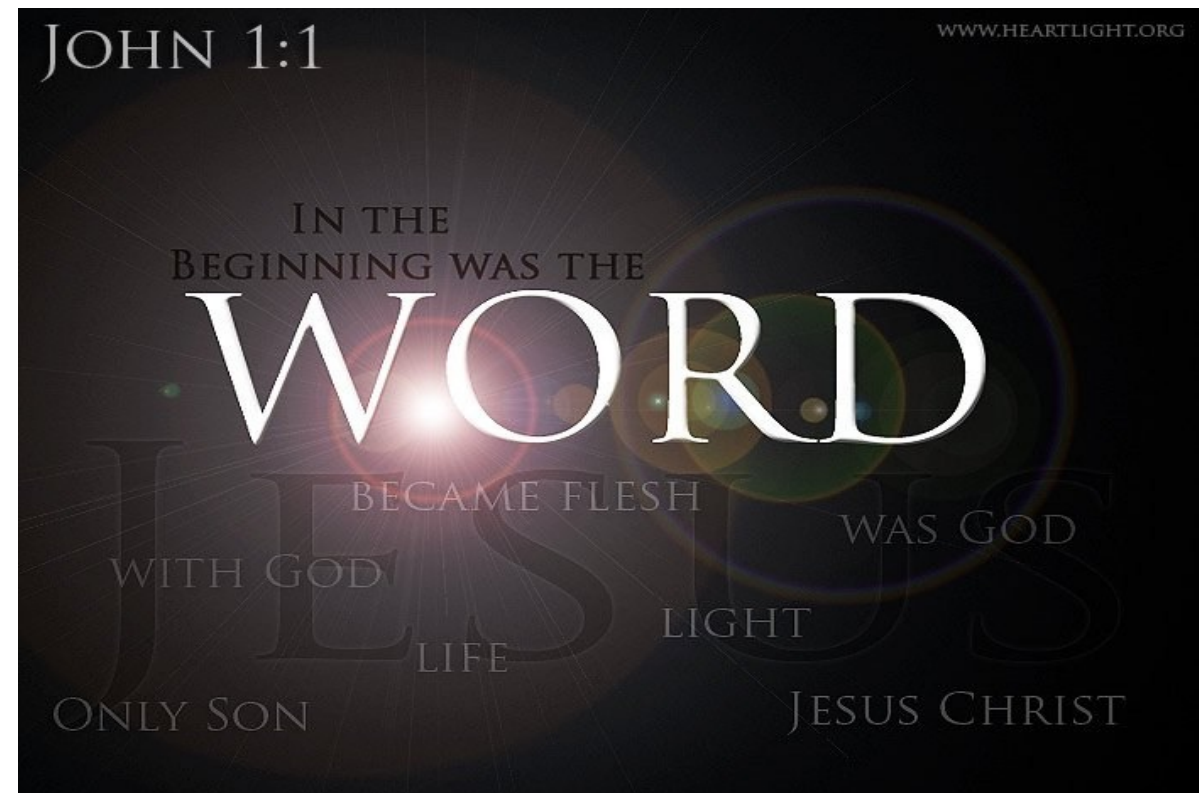
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Fairfield, Iowa

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

*Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:35 a.m. In-Person,
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