

FORERUNNER

THE LIFE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2018
"OPENING HEAVEN"



Welcome!

We are glad you are in worship with us today. If you have a prayer concern or praise, please fill out a prayer request card located on the chair backs in the sanctuary or at the prayer table just outside the sanctuary doors.

New to Tri-Lakes UMC? Please fill out a Connection Card located on the chair backs in the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate. Also be sure to pick up a Welcome Bag, located at our Welcome Desk, on the left as you exit our building. This is also the place to go if you have any questions. Our regular service times are 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM.

Looking for our Nursery? Our Nursery is located by the second hallway, directly across from the kitchen. Nursery care is provided for children 3 weeks through 4 years of age. The Nursery is available during each of our worship services. Stop in, meet the staff and pick up a Nursery pamphlet with all the information you will need to know.

Children's Worship is offered at both the 8:00 AM and 11:00AM services. Children enter sanctuary and sit with parents. They leave when dismissed and then are returned in time for communion with their families.

Looking for the Restrooms? Our Restrooms are located in the first hallway, to the right, as you enter our building.

Looking for Sunday School Classes? September through May we offer Sunday school classes for all ages. The children's classes are located in the Faith Forest (Wesley Hall). Adult classes are available on both levels and Youth classes meet on the lower level. Please visit the Welcome Desk for more information.

Want more information? Please pick up one of our newsletters located at the Welcome Desk and in the literature rack in the Great Room.

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Sign up for our text messaging service for alerts on all cancellations and closings by emailing tlumc@tlumc.org

Order of Worship

8:00 & 11:00am - Traditional Worship
December 16th, 2018

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

Rev. Jason Baxter

***Call To Worship**

Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence;

People: From ages past no one has heard, nor ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

Leader: You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

People: We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth;

Leader: Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are our potter;

People: We are all the work of your hand.

- Isaiah 62:1, 4, 5a, 6a, 8

***Opening Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

103 UMH

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Pastor: On this third Sunday of Advent, we remember the tradition of the medieval Christian church and light the candle representing heaven. The light of this candle reminds us that the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem was the light of heaven breaking like a new dawn, signaling the beginning of God's new creation. It also reminds us that Jesus will come again, that heaven and earth will be joined together forever, that all darkness of sin and death will be swept away, and that all things will be made new. As John wrote in Revelation:

Lay Reader: "Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" (Revelation 21:1-4 NIV)

All: We light this candle as a sign of the light of heaven breaking into the darkness of this present age. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 3)

206 UMH

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

Anthem (11:00)	Advent Noel	Adult Choir
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*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:13-17	Lay Reader
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Message	Opening Heaven	Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor
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Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silence

Response	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 3)	211 UMH
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Invitation to the Table	Rev. Jason Baxter
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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Lord, the words of your servant John the Baptist cut us through to our very core. Let us wrestle hard, here and now, with his call to “bear fruits worthy of repentance.” O Lord, what splendid fruit might come from such a beautiful turning to you? Would we experience heart-level healing from lifelong wounds? Would we be liberated from our addictions? Would we know restoration of relationships, mother to daughter, father to son or even nation to nation? Could the poor be fed and the naked clothed? O Lord, let us repent and turn again to you! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Lay Reader

Offertory Music

Susan Fraser

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

95 UMH

Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn	O Day of God, Draw Nigh	730 UMH
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Sending Forth	Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor
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*Response	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	204 UMH
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Postlude	Susan Fraser
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*Please stand if you are able

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS-small paperback hymnal

Order of Worship

9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service
December 16th, 2018

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Jason Baxter

Song Set

Joy of the Lord
King of Heaven
Love Comes Down

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***Gospel Lesson**

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Silent Reflection

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

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Offering and Offertory

This is my Son

Communion

Prayers of the People

Closing Song

Joy to the World

Dismissal

Message Notes

**Forerunner: The Life of John the Baptist
Opening Heaven**

Texts: Matthew 3:13-17; 11:1-15



Devotion Guide

Daily Devotional Guide Opening Heaven

Verse of the Week:

“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you... Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.” (Isaiah 64:1, 4)

Daily Prayer:

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday – Isaiah 64:1-15

Tuesday – Daniel 7:1-14

Wednesday – Mark 14:53-65

Thursday – Genesis 28:10-22

Friday – John 1:29-34

Saturday – Revelation 21:1-8

Questions for Reflection/Journaling/Discussion:

1. Reflect on this week's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? What was God saying to you through the reading and exposition of Scripture?
2. What has been your vision of heaven? How does the biblical idea of the ultimate joining together of heaven and earth alter your vision?
3. The Scripture readings this week all have to do with visions of heaven breaking in on the present. What do these visions have in common? What did they mean to those who saw them?
4. How can you (and those in your group) work toward making the world look more like the kingdom of heaven? What steps might you take this week?

Intercessory Prayer Guide:

Monday - Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you guidance and discernment this week, to see where the kingdom of heaven is breaking in around you.

Tuesday - Pray for those in need of new hope.

Wednesday - Pray for those concerns listed on the TLUMC prayer list this week.

Thursday - Pray for those who are struggling with doubt and fear.

Friday - Pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Saturday - Pray for our worship services on Sunday and for all who will attend.

*If you would like to receive a list of submitted prayer requests via email
please email Cary Diaz at tlumc@tlumc.org*



Children & Families


Caroling at Bethesda
Gardens Assisted Living
(55 Beacon Lite Rd.)

**Sunday Dec. 16 from
2:00-2:45pm**

Meet at Bethesda Gardens and bring a
Christmas Goodie to share and some
Christmas Cards from your family to
hand out to the residents.



RSVP to Nancy ce@tlumc.org
by Friday, December 14th



Prime Timers Caroling (All Ages Welcome)

**Thursday, December 20th
3:00 PM**

Meet at 15946 Bridle Ridge Drive,
Monument, CO

Please bring cookies to hand out to those
whom we're caroling. We'll carpool in two
groups so we can get to all the houses on
our list and then come back for cookies
and cocoa.



Questions?

Contact Linda (Isaletters@comcast.net)

CHRISTMAS EVE

AT TRI-LAKES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3 PM* and 5 PM*

7 PM* and 9 PM

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**Keep an eye on the schedule below and join us.
Friends are always welcome!**

Sunday Nights:

Youth Group for students in 9th – 12th grade
December 16th - HS Youth Group Christmas Party
(5:00 - 7:00 PM @ Aimee Bray's House)

Wednesday Nights:

Youth Group for students in 7th – 8th grade
December 12th - MS Youth Group (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
December 19th - MS Youth Group Christmas Party @
Jennifer Kaylor's House (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Christmas Closures:

TLUMC will be closed until 2:00 PM on
Monday, December 24th and
Tuesday, December 25th.

No Children's Sunday School December 30th

There will NOT be Sunday school on
Sunday, December 30th. However,
Children's Worship will be available at
all 3 services.





CHRISTMAS JARS



Christmas Jars

Sponsored by Prime Timers
(Whole Church)

Bring a glass jar filled with coins and bills to anonymously give to people in need (physically or spiritually). Please give quarters, dimes and nickels (please no pennies).

Goal - \$700!

Questions?

Contact Linda (Isaletters@comcast.net)

**FULL ANNOUNCEMENTS
AVAILABLE AT TLUMC.ORG/NEWS**

Wesley Heritage

April 30-May 8, 2019

2019 England Travel Study Program
More Information - tlumc.org/wesley

**This Christmas make a difference
when you shop**

Shop for Christmas gifts and supplies at Amazon Smile and a donation to Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church will be made. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1277975 for all your Christmas needs.

EPG CERT Class: We are excited to announce that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes will be held at TLUMC in January. CERT teaches regular citizens how to be prepared to help in an emergency when 9-1-1 first responders are overwhelmed with requests for help and can not get to your neighborhood any time soon. "Are you ready?" Sign up soon at <http://epccertjan19.eventzilla.net> because classes will fill up. The class meets for 24 total hours over four days: Tues. Jan 22 – 6-10 p.m.; Wed. Jan 23 – 6-10 p.m.; Thurs. Jan 24 – 6-10 p.m.; Sat. Jan 26 – 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call Lisa Hatfield 719-339-7831 with questions.

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In Service Today

Flowers: TLUMC Art Committee

8:00 AM Service:

Audio/Visual: Phil Lane, Felipe Rodriguez
Acolyte: Max McNett
Lay Reader: David Blanks
Greeter: James Yoss
Ushers: Mark & Lisa Hatfield
Communion Servers: Lynne Lane, Kwai Ying Den, Ron Maw
Fellowship: Jason Webber, Jessica Anderson-Webber
Safety Monitor (early): Don Kenny

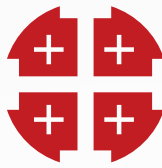
9:30 AM Service:

Audio/Visual: Rick DiFiore, John Stallings
Usher: Becky Moulden
Communion Servers: Staci Stallings, Aimee Bray, Kimberley Garnhart, Jeremy & Allison Ferranti, Becky Moulden, Marsha Thorson
Praise Band: Chris Sigfrids, Abigail Gray, Mike Brooking, Alex Ruggles, Clint Perry

11:00 AM Service:

Audio/Visual: Clint Perry, Tom Quinn
Acolyte: Ellen Fischer
Lay Reader: Jennifer Rowland
Communion Servers: Rob & Candace Gordon, Jay Kelley, Maggie Reilly, Amanda Calhoun, Orchard Corl

Greeters: Nancy & Stephanie Dick
Usher: Margaret Pasolli, Jay Kelley
Counter: Colleen McCrary
Safety Monitor (late): Jim Ambuehl
Fellowship: Carol Groesbeck
Welcome Desk: Foster Family



TRI-LAKES

United Methodist Church



MISSION

Building followers of
Jesus Christ who love
and serve God
and neighbor



VALUES

Scriptural Teaching
Intentional Disciple-making
Gracious Hospitality
Neighborhood Service



STRATEGY

Loving God and neighbor through acts of
Worship, Devotion, Service and Compassion

