

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 1, 2023

**“1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS”**

Liturgical Color – White



**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*I will recount the Lord's faithful acts;  
I will sing the Lord's praises ...  
because of all the Lord did for us.  
In love and mercy God redeemed them.*

~ Isaiah 63:7, 9 ~

\* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. byCarolyn M. Taylor

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

How magnificent is all creation!

**God's love is poured throughout all God has created.**

God's love is poured out upon us each day.

**Praise be to God!**

Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

**Let all the people praise God! AMEN.**

\* *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

# 240 (verses 1, 3)

\* *The First Noel*

# 245 (verses 1, 3, 5)

\* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

**We believe in God,  
the creator of all things,  
the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
suffering for us, dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake**

**and for the sake of all the world.  
We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day,  
ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth  
reminding us of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God  
and the promise of eternal life.  
Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*(Ecumenical Text)*

**Our Father in Heaven ... hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come ... your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins ... as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial ... and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom ... the power ... and the glory are yours ... now and forever. AMEN.**

3-FOLD AMEN

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD: Isaiah 63:7-9 ... Matthew 2:13-23  
*(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")*

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **"EVEN IN OUR WORST AND IN THE WORST OF TIMES, GOD IS WITH US"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of goodness and light,  
illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness.  
Too often we have lost our way.  
Too often we have lived out of our pride and stubbornness  
and failed to turn to you in our times of need.  
You have given us all that we need to live sober lives in a right mind.  
Impel us to sin no more and give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine ways in the world.  
Help us accept the forgiveness you offer if we but only ask for it.  
Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this coming year  
with a faithfulness that we scarcely knew we had in us.  
Power this celebration through your Holy Spirit—the greatest gift you can offer us today.  
In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

# 15

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

***God uses broken things.  
It takes broken soil to produce a crop,  
broken clouds to give rain,  
broken grains to give bread,  
broken bread to give strength.***

- Vance Havner

\* *Joy to the World*

# 246 (verses 1, 2, 3)

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Joy to the World*

# 246 (verse 4)

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** ... The January / February issues are here. Be sure to pick up a copy on the table in the Prayer Room or on the bench in the entrance way.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** ... are in the mailbox slots at the back of the sanctuary.

**WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entranceway for volunteers willing to serve as WORSHIP GREETERS.

**WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entranceway for anyone wishing to sponsor the WORSHIP BULLETIN in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The cost is \$10 per Sunday.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED** ... We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entranceway for anyone wishing to sponsor the ALTAR FLOWERS for Worship in honor of someone or in memory of someone. The cost is \$50 per Sunday.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR** ... We have a calendar on the bulletin board for you to mark down your BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** ... Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**QUILTING GROUP # 1** ... Tuesday ... 1:00 PM - ? PM ... This group meets in the Wesley Room making “ugly sleeping bags” for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES. For more information, please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

**QUILTING GROUP # 2** ... Wednesday ... 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ... This group meets in the Wesley Room making PROJECT DJ QUILTS (for ill children) and QUILTS OF VALOR (for veterans). For more information, please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** ... will meet Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge. Reports are due to the church office by Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to be printed and ready for distribution Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Harold Roberts** ... Council Chairperson ... Staff / Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chairperson

**Patti DelGaudio** ... Lay Leader

**Joan Mueller** ... Lay Representative to Annual Conference

**Barbara Goldsmith** ... Secretary

**Billy Barnes** ... Trustee Chairperson

**Ned Podehl** ... Finance Chairperson

**Judy Donlin** ... Sister Circle Representative ... Trustee Treasurer

**Pam Baker** ... Member-at-Large

**Marisa Stem** ... Member-at-Large

**Dottie Guisewhite** ... Church Administrative Assistant

**BLOOD DRIVE** ... We’re hosting a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ... Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. If you are able, please donate here. You can schedule your appointment online at [www.redcross.org/give-blood](http://www.redcross.org/give-blood) . [If you can volunteer to help welcome donors or help with the canteen, please contact our church office.](#)