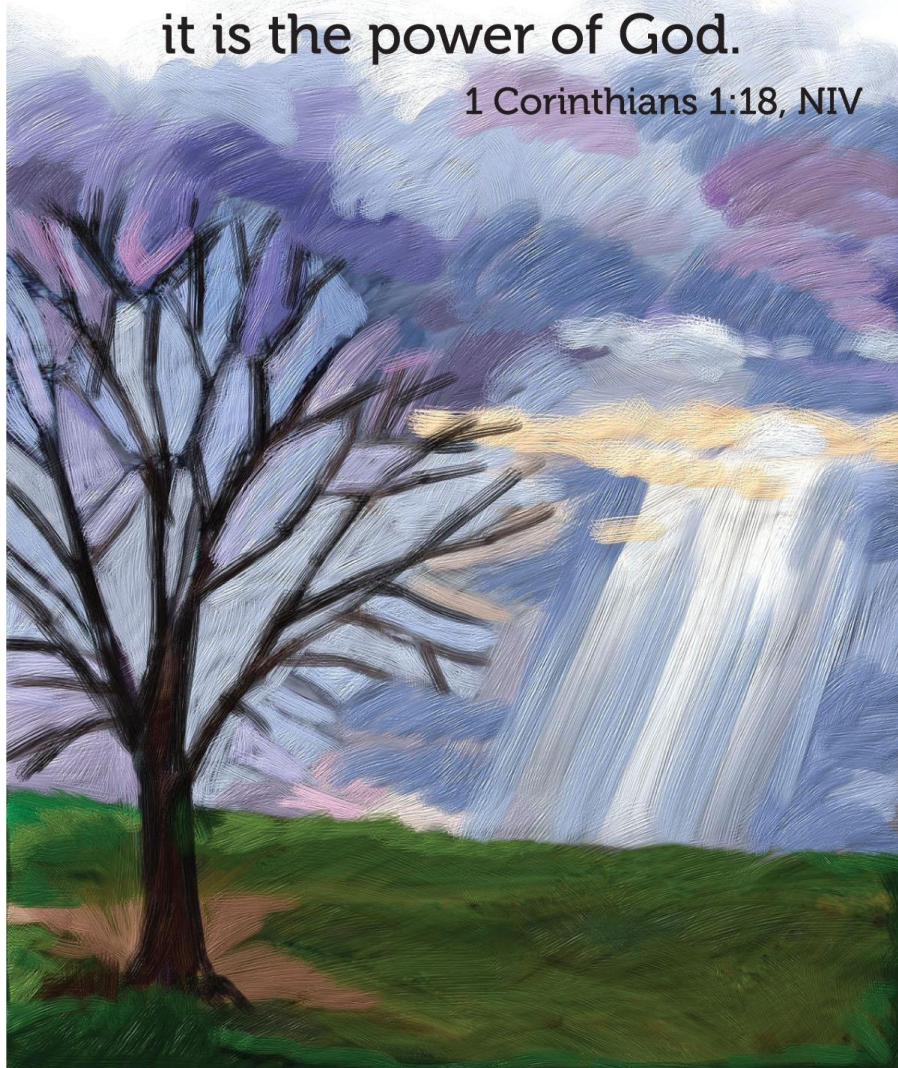


# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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For the message of the cross  
is foolishness to those  
who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV



*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

**Tappahannock Memorial UMC**  
**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 1, 2026**  
**“Foolishness”**

**Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12**

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**Prelude**

***“All Things Bright And Beautiful”***

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**Welcome & Announcements**

Good Morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at [tappmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:tappmethodist@gmail.com), with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

**\* Opening Hymn**

***“Come To The Table”***

**TFWS #2264**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord’s invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the lamb.

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**\* Call To Worship**

What does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with our God.**

With what shall we come before the Lord?  
**With speech that is gentle,  
and words that build up.**

How shall we live our faith?  
**With actions that bring peace,  
and works that lift up the lowly.**

Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.  
The hills hear your voice, O Lord.

The mountains quake before you.  
As we call on your name,  
help us walk in the ways of righteousness  
and speak in tones of peace.  
As we seek to be blameless and do what is right,  
may our hearts be free from guile and deceit,  
that we be known as peace makers,  
the blessed children of God. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**When we feel beaten down by the world, Merciful One,  
free us from sorrow and grief.  
When we are wounded by careless words,  
help us refrain from lashing out in our suffering  
and hurting the ones we love.  
Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness,  
that we may walk humbly in your ways  
and be a blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.**

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### **The Declaration of Pardon**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Anthem**

***“What Does The Lord Require Of You”***

**Choir**

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### **Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

### **Scripture**

**Micah 6:1-8**

**pg. 866**

<sup>1</sup> *Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.* <sup>2</sup> *Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.* <sup>3</sup> *“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!”* <sup>4</sup> *For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.* <sup>5</sup> *O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”* <sup>6</sup> *“With*

*what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

**pg. 166**

*<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 15**

**UMH #747**

**Response: Justice alone is the way of the Lord; be just and worship God.**

O Lord, who shall abide in your tent?

Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

**The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,  
and speaks truth from the heart;**

who does not slander with the tongue,

and does no evil to a friend,

nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;

**in whose eyes a reproach is despised,**

**but who honors those who fear the Lord;**

who does not put out money at interest,

and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

**The one who does these things shall never be moved.           R**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* The Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**pg. 4**

*<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

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**This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Prayer before the Sermon**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**The Sermon  
Minor**

**“Foolishness”**

**Rev. Rebecca L.**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

**UMH #581**

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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## **Affirmation of Faith**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**UMH #881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns**

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Offering**

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website [www.tappahannockmethodist.org](http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org), or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

### **The Offertory**

### ***"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"***

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### **\* Doxology**

**UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



**AMEN.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast**

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.  
The Body of Christ.  
The Blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

**The Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**\* Closing Hymn**

***"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"***

**TFWS #2153**

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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**\* The Benediction**

***"Go Now In Peace"***

**UMH #665**

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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**\* Postlude**

**“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”**

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

**PRAYER LIST**

Faye Brooks, Frauke Darnell, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Jim Glass, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, the family of Billy Mothershead, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, the family of Rev. Reggie Rumberg, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Ashley Wind. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

**MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS**

**PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS**

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

*\* Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Today, February 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning Group</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Cookie Baking</b>
<b>Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>

*All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.*

*We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture  
and support one another through service and outreach.*

*Our facility is handicap accessible.*

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