

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND.



1 Corinthians 13:4



*“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 The Epiphany

“The Audacity Of Love”

February 2, 2025

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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Prelude

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

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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, with your attendance information.

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

* Opening Hymn

“Where Charity And Love Prevail”

UMH #549

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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* Call To Worship

Let us gather to listen deeply.

Word of God, speak.

Let us gather with childlike faith.

Ageless wisdom, reveal.

Word of God, speak.

Your servants are listening.

*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day.

Speak words of wisdom and faith.

Open our hearts and minds

to perceive your message of love,

even when it's hard to hear.

Strengthen our faith to answer your call,

even when we don't feel confident or capable.

Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love,

that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love

to the world. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Gracious, loving God,

pour your love into our hearts and lives.

Bless us with such overflowing grace

that your love might flow within us

and through us.

Be patient with our impatience.

Calm us with your patient love in all of our encounters.

Forgive us and fill us with your grace,

that we might extend loving forgiveness to others.

In your loving name, we pray. 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.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10

pg. 698

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I

am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

pg. 175

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Come Share The Lord"

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 71

UMH #791

Response: O Lord, you are my hope, my trust, Lord, from my youth.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!**

Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have learned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

My praise is continually of you. **R**
I have been an example to many,
for you are my strong refuge.
**My mouth is filled with your praise
and with your glory all the day.**
Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength is spent.
For my enemies speak concerning me,
those who watch for my life consult together, saying,
**“God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is no deliverer.”**
O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me! **R**

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

*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.*

*** Gospel**

Luke 4:21-30

pg. 61

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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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

“The Audacity Of Love”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“The Gift Of Love”

UMH #408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page

of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me”

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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.

*** A Service of Word and Table**

Come freely, for this table of grace is here for all.
Come confidently, for this table of love offers blessings
beyond our wildest dreams.
Come humbly, for this table is set by Christ,
who humbled himself to both live and die
in his great love for us.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Celebrate God's love!

It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

We give thanks and praise to you,
God of love and grace!

We celebrate the creative presence
that called forth this glorious earth
and the heavens above.

We praise and glorify you
for creating us in your very image.

We celebrate the long history
you traveled with us, as you called us
to be your light and love for the world,
and as you claimed us as your own.

We are humbled and grateful for the many times
you guided us along the way—
reclaiming us in our grumbling,
redirecting us in our wandering,
comforting us in our loneliness,
and steadfastly loving us with your grace.

From ancient days and ancient voices,
you have shown us the path
of love, justice and righteousness.

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

In the fullness of time, you came to us
in the presence of Jesus, the Christ,
showing us the way of strength and trust,
calling us to discipleship,
and inviting us to walk the path of love.
Even when faced with impending death,
Christ gave thanks and blessed the fruit
of your good earth,
offering not only bread and wine,
but the bread of life and the wine of salvation.

We remember his prophetic words:
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many.”

As we walk this journey of life,
we remember these gifts,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
that we might be disciples of your love and grace.
Pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine,
that your life and love might flow through us.
Guide us in love by your Spirit,
that we might be 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 the heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever more.

Amen.

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

**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 life of Christ, revealed in you.

The love of Christ, flowing through you.

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**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

TFWS #2223

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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*** 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**

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PRAYER LIST

Pastor Loretta Benninghove, Eddie Bliss, Faye Brooks, Evy Campbell, Lynn Coates, Mark Cooper, Jim Doudiet, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, Dennis Puccetti, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Barbara Tate, Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Jack Titmus, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, and Jack Henry Whitaker. 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

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Carol Nicholas and Edna Parrish.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, February 2nd:	10:00 AM	4th Sunday After The Epiphany
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, February 4 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, February 5 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, February 9 th :	10:00 AM	5 th Sunday After The Epiphany
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

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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