

SUNDAY WORSHIP
February 02, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany , Year C

Pastor: Jaime Torres
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Reader: Judi Hartshorn

***Gathering Hymn: “Shine Jesus Shine”**

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Liturgist: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Liturgist: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Liturgist: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.

***Prayer of Confession All:**

God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes, we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In the multitude of ways, we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track....*time of silent prayer...Words of Assurance* This is the time of God's favor, God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God! **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Liturgist: Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend

your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 4:21-30)

Offertory Song / Music Joy Asenas

***Doxology:** UMH # 94

Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer UMH # 895

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.

***Preparation Hymn** “ God of Grace and God of Glory ” UMH # 577

Scripture Readings Old Testament – Jeremiah 1:4-10
New Testament – Luke 4:21-30

COMMUNION

Message “In Your Hometown” *By Pastor Jaime Torres*

***Hymn of Commitment** “ O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee ” UMH # 430

Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People: Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Liturgist Announcements: Music Class: Mondays at One Step at 5:00 p.m.; Coffee House: Fridays at Starbucks at 11:00 a.m.; Pastoral Visits: Thursdays and Fridays – call to request.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

May God our Creator renew in us the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world. May Jesus the Christ uphold us in grace and love. May the Holy Spirit fill us with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in our hometown and beyond. Amen.

***Closing song** May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you.

***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Pastor
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Hand Bell Choir Director
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Martha Gentry
Judi Hartshorn
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Ramos

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple 1” Bible Study
Monday’s 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“Calvin January Series”
Registration Meeting Tuesday January 14th 1:00pm
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

Our Mission

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,
Christ centered church,
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

Our Vision

With God’s help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

January Birthdays

15th Marcia Heerema
15th Fran Lee

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Developing a habit for regular gathered worship is an essential part of our growth as disciples and our witness to the world around us and an effective foundation for the work of transformation.