

**Order of Worship**  
**Friendship United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday January 12, 2025**

*Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."*

**Gathering**  
**Greeting/Announcements**

**"This Is The Day"**

**\*Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 147**

**L:** Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**P:** *The Lord heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.*

**L:** The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**P:** *Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre.*

**All:** *Come, let us worship the Lord!*

**Opening Prayer**

**Shirley Waldrum**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**UMH #420**

***"Breathe on me Breath of God"***  
*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,*

*till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH #887**

**L:** There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**All:** *This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was  
manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the  
world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the  
gospel. Amen.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH # 70**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

. . . . .

*Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved with you I am well pleased."*

**L:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

*His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Debra Jackson**

*Those worshipping online may share in the ministry of the church by mailing their offerings to:*

*Friendship UMC  
PO Box 3385  
Sherman, TX 75091*

**\*The 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*

**Children's Time**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."*

**Hymn of Preparation**

**UMH # 174**

***"His Name is Wonderful"***

*His Name is Wonderful. His Name is Wonderful  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He is the Mighty King, Master of everything  
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He's the Great shepherd. The Rock of All Ages  
Almighty God is He*

*Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him.*

**Message**

*"By Water and the Spirit"*

**Rev. Spore**

**Service of Baptismal Renewal**

**UMH #50**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.  
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation  
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.  
Through the reaffirmation of our faith  
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,  
acknowledge what God is doing for us,  
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

**RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

***I do.***

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

***I do.***

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?  
***I will.***

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you.  
***And also with you.***  
Let us pray.

Eternal Father:  
When nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters  
and brought forth light.  
In the days of Noah  
you saved those on the ark through water.  
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.  
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the sea.  
Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

***Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Tell of God's mercy each day.***

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb.  
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
He called his disciples  
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

***Declare Christ's works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance  
the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For you have washed away our sins,  
and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,  
that dying and rising with Christ  
we may share in his final victory.

***All praise to you, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

### **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.  
***Amen.***

### **THANKSGIVING**

***We give thanks for all that God has already given us.  
As members of the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,  
our service and our witness  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.***

### **Hymn of Discipleship**

***"This is a Day of New Beginnings"***  
*This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus,  
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,*

**UMH #383**

*step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.*

*In faith we'll gather round the table  
to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.*

## **Benediction**

## **Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry**

### **Each Sunday**

9:50 – Sunday School  
11:00 – Worship

### **Wednesday, January 15**

Friendship Crafters – 10:00  
Bible Study – 12:00  
Church Council – 1:30

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor  
Shirley Waldrum – Music leader  
Debra Jackson – Pianist  
Karen Spore – Technical Assistant  
Pat Greenfield – Lay Reader

**Friendship United Methodist Church**

**293 Friendship Rd.  
PO Box 3385  
Sherman, Texas 75091**

*Join us online at  
friendshipumc.net  
Or on Facebook at*  
Friendship United Methodist Church - Sherman