

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Sherry Allen**
 Ushers: **Charles Bibbs & Manny Perea**
 PowerPoint Preparer: **Gwen Daniels**
 Children's Church: **Bonni Pear & Tahlia Lewis**
 Children's Message: **Jacquee Lawrence**
 Greeters: **Jan Allman**
 In-Person Slide Operator: **Jacquee & Ken Lawrence**
 Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Rynearson**

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IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	78	48	48	31
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	7	8	8	8
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$2,897	\$6,101	\$6,101	TBD
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	\$50	\$2,593	\$2,593	TBD

Announcements

1. GREAT AGERS- Great Agers will hold their monthly potluck lunch on Friday, January 10. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. We will provide a main dish and beverage. Plan to arrive between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Lunch and fellowship will begin at noon. Please call the church office at 630-851-8010 or sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. If there is a major snowstorm, we might cancel. When in doubt, call the church office. Hope to see everyone!

2. MISSIONS TEAM BOOK DRIVE- The Missions Team is kicking off the new year by collecting paperback books to send to our Troops around the world. While you're clearing out your closets and putting away decorations, it's a good time to go through your home library. Please consider donating your used paperback books. (No religious, romance, or political books, please.) Thank you for your support.

3. EVENTS COMMITTEE- There will be an Event Committee meeting Monday, January 10th @10am in the Narthex. We'll be planning for Lenten and Spring activities. We're always looking for ideas and helping hands. All are welcome to join this fun and dynamic group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am)
 Children's Church (9:20 am)

MUSIC MINISTRY

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This Week at Bethany

SUN JAN 5	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am
	Loyal Leaders		10:15 am
FRI JAN 10	Events Committee Meeting	Narthex	10:00 am
	Great Agers	F.H.	12:00 pm

JANUARY 5, 2025



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Epiphany Sunday

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.

Congregational responses are in bold print.

Worship Leader: Sherry Allen

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	Excerpt from Handel's Messiah	John Kwon
Greetings		Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements		Sherry Allen
*Opening Hymn	"He Leadeth Me"	UMH #128
	<i>1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.</i>	
	<i>**Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.</i>	
	<i>2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **</i>	
	<i>3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **</i>	
*Call to Worship		All

L: Gathered here, we listen for God.

C: God's angels are all around us.

L: Gathered here, we look for signs of God's presence.

C: God's presence is with us now.

L: Gathered here, we celebrate the birth of Christ.

C: God comes in the gift of a child.

All: Amen.

Passing Peace of Christ	"O How He Loves..."	TFWS #2108
	<i>O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!</i>	

Children's Message	Jacquee Lawrence
Children's Church	Bonni Pear & Tahlia Lewis
Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	(Screen)

Contemplation Hymn **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** TFWS #2158

*1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

***Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none
but thee. ***

*3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me
gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. ***

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:13-16, 19-23 (NIV)** Sherry Allen

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Offering Our Gifts to God's Service

Offertory Anthem **"Amazing Grace"** John Kwon
(in the style of Jazz and Gospel)

*Doxology **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** #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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, help us remember that all belongs to you. Take these offerings and use them for your glory. Take our lives, and use us, always and everywhere, for your glory. In Christ's name. Amen.

You may give your offering at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving
or mail it to:

Bethany of Fox Valley UMC
2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504

Message **"A New Life"** Rev. Sang Hun Han

HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING FORTH

Holy Communion- A Service of Word and Table Screen

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

Closing Hymn **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** UMH #140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

**** (Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

*2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon,
and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with 10,000 beside! ***

Benediction Rev. Sang Hun Han

Postlude **Traditional Scottish Hymns** John Kwon

*We are glad that you joined us this morning in worship.
We hope that you find strength, renewal, and a sense of peace
going through the coming week.*