

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 8, 2026
This Service is Live-streamed
Text prayer requests to 307-429-0339

Prelude

Morning Prayer

God of truth and justice, you call us to faith that extends beyond ritual into lives shaped by compassion and mercy. Through your word, you challenge us to live with integrity and to shine your light in places of need. Open our hearts to your transforming Spirit, so that our worship may lead to service, our faith to action, and our lives to witness your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

Leader: God calls us beyond empty words to lives of faithfulness.

People: We come ready to live out what we believe.

Leader: God’s light shines when justice and compassion take root.

People: We come longing to be salt and light in the world.

Leader: Christ calls us to shine so others may see God’s goodness.

People: Let us worship the God who transforms faith into action.

*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty Vs. 1,3,5 #139 (UMH)

*Hymn: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Vs. 1,2,3 #581 (UMH)

Invitation to Prayer Text prayers to 307-429-0339
Sharing the Prayers of God’s People
Silent Prayer
Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”)

*Hymn: Spirit Song #347 (UMH)

Expressions of Discipleship

Offertory
*Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Community Prayer

God of light and mercy, receive these gifts as a faithful response to your generosity. Use what we offer to bring healing and hope to the world. May our lives help others see your light in us. Amen.

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-12
Matthew 5: 13-20

A Witness: Seasoned for Service

*Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations #428 (UMH)

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are comfortable.
Assisted Listening Devices Available

Those Serving Today
Liturgist: Ken Humphrey
Ushers: Karen Bloodsworth & Steven Magnuson
Presentation: Barbie Flack
Soundboard: Mike Flack
Streaming: Kamari Barth
Offering Team: Don Winkelmann & John Beasley
Music Leader: Carol Stewart & Susan Kautz
Fellowship: Men’s Group
Nursery: Kimberly Hein
Flowers: Beth Lenz (In Memory of Nancy Nelson & Jean Hoyne)

Announcements

Pastor Jim’s cell # (307) 751-8945
If you are a guest, welcome! Please fill out one of our Guest Forms and place it on the offering plate.

Confirmation class for youth ages 10 and older every Wednesday, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. The class will meet weekly in the mini-kitchen, through April 1st. If you would like to register, please contact the church office or sign-up at the welcome desk.

Valentine’s Day High Tea. United Women in Faith Faith is holding a tea party Valentine’s Day, February 14th, at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The Sheridan Methodist Men will serve pancakes and sausage. Everyone is welcome, as we start the Lenten season.

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Ashes will be available via drive-through from 11:15 to 11:45 am, along with a traditional Ash Wednesday service with prayer, scripture, and ashes, held at 7:00 pm. Join us for this time of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Our Lenten study begins on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 4:00 pm. We will explore Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, focusing on challenging teachings and their significance for faith and daily life. Sign up at the welcome desk or contact the church office for more information.

Here’s What’s Happening This Week:

- 2/9 - Nothing Scheduled
- 2/10 - 9:00 am The Closet Open
5:00 pm 3rd Friday Planning
- 2/11 - 10:00 am Worship Meeting
10:00 am Acupuncture Clinic
11:00 am Upper Room Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 2/12 - 9:30 am Church Family Care
- 2/13 - Nothing Scheduled
- 2/14 - 1:00 pm Valentine’s Day High Tea
- 2/15 - 8:00 am Hand Bell Practice
9:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Church Council Meeting
Happy Birthday

Tim Graham 2/8, Janet Ruleaux 2/11,
Winnie Hoffer 2/11

Happy Anniversary

Thone & Carol Stewart 2/12
Don Glaze & Penny Becker 2/15

December Financial Numbers:

Dec Income \$17,681 Dec Expenses \$17,567
YTD Income \$187,540 YTD Expense \$185,761
Endowment Book Value \$32,743
Endowment Market Value \$41,980