

**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