

First Up

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 2026



GIVE YOU
AS A LIGHT

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Church

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Welcome

Pastor Kory Pritchett

WORSHIP

Centering Words

L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

P: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Song

"Rise And Shine"

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God.

Song

"We Are"

Prayer

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

SERVICE

Message to Young Disciples

Message

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Duane Carlisle

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Generosity and Peace

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Song

"SMS (Shine)"

ENDING

Benediction

Pastor Kory Pritchett

As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world— to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

Rise And Shine

by Austin Davis, Jessica Soccorsi, and Mitch Wong

Verse 1

Arise
There's a new day upon us
So come out of the darkness
Stand in the morning light
Take heart
There's a new wind that's blowing
Heaven's gates are wide open
It's time to lift your eyes
Oh it's time to lift your eyes

Chorus 1

Rise and shine
For the light the light has come
Jesus Christ
Come behold the Risen Son
Hold on to hope
Shake off your fear
Sing like you know
Freedom is here
Rise and shine
For the light the light has come
Tag 1
Oh the light has come

Oh (the light has come)

Verse 2

Wake up
It's the dawn of revival
Calling saints and disciples
Into the promised land
Sing praise
Let it rise from your spirit
So the whole world can hear it
Lift up His Holy Name

Bridge 1

Oh set your feet to dancing
Open your mouth and praise Him
We made it through the evening
This is the joy of the morning
Hope is alive and breathing
Life has a brand new meaning
We made it through the evening
This is the joy of the morning
Tag 2

This is the joy of the morning
This is the joy of the morning
This is the joy of the morning
Rise And Shine -

We Are

by Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, Hillary McBride, and James Tealy

Verse 1

Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Misc 1

(PRE-CHORUS)

So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus 1

We are the light of the world
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta
Let the light shine
(REPEAT)
Misc 2

(INTERLUDE)

Let the light shine
Let the light shine ooh

Verse 2

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through

Misc 3

(BRIDGE)

We are the light we are the light we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light we are the light we are the light
Jesus You are the light You are the light
You are the light
We will lift You high and shine shine shine

Misc 4

(ENDING)

Let the light shine let the light shine

SMS (Shine)

by David Crowder and Jack Parker

Chorus 1

Send me a sign
A hint a whisper
Throw me a line
'Cause I am listening
Come break the quiet
Breathe Your awakening
Bring me to life
'Cause I am fading
(Surround me)
The rush of angels' wings
Shine Your light so I can see You
Pull me up I need to be near You
Hold me I need to feel love
Can You overcome this heart that's overcome

You sent a sign
A hint a whisper
Human divine
Heaven is listening
Death laid love quiet
Yet in the night a stirring
(All around)
The rush of angels
Oh the wonder of
The greatest love has come
Shine Your light so all can see it
Lift it up 'cause the whole world needs it
Love has come what joy to hear it
He has overcome
He has overcome

Prayers

Concerns Shared

WR Miller
Marissa Rowe, Niece of Barbara Krause
Mace Williams

Emily McLaughlin, Niece of Mary Maxine
All in need of prayers

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

CG Creation:
Kory Pritchett

Band

Acoustic Guitar:
Kory Pritchett

Bass Guitar:
Becca Pritchett

Drums:
Cade Quinn

Electric Guitar:
Nick Clinkenbeard

Vocal:
Karen Hull
Amanda Hedden

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GET INVOLVED

Let's Sing

Our Choir would love to have you join it. They sing for us at the 11:00 AM services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, as well as Palm and Easter Sundays.

Our singers rehearse weekly

September through May from 7:15 to

8:15 PM. Then they offer shares and

prayers from 8:15 to 8:30 PM, finishing up no later than 8:30 pm. They take

a break from rehearsals the three weeks after Christmas and the Sunday

before Thanksgiving. Contact Charis Vander Plaats, director of music and

arts: cplaats@fumcwl.org



Chiming in

Don't you just love the bells! Our bell choir, called the Aldersgate Bell Choir, chimes on the 3rd Sunday of the month and for special times, such as Easter.

They practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 PM, during the school calendar. There are five octaves of

handbells, which means we have spots for up to 14 ringers, which is what we currently have. However, the director is always on the lookout for substitute ringers, particularly people with experience playing handbells or those who can play piano. (Handbell music generally looks like advanced piano music. Ringers need to be able to pick out the two to four notes (bells) that they are responsible for playing.)

If at least 5 people, preferably with past experience playing a musical instrument, would like to learn bells, a small beginner handbell choir could be formed. If you're interested in substitute ringing, or if you'd like to try ringing in a beginner's choir, contact Kathy Lind, director of the bell choir: Klind1962@outlook.com, or text at 765-714-3506.



Do you play an instrument?

- We'd love to have you share your talents for performances throughout the year. Contact Charis Vander Plaats, director of music and arts: cplaats@fumcwl.org

