# **Announcements**

No more dust and a fresh new look! — Thanks to all who helped with the repairs and painting in the front of the church! (and a new front projector!) We invite you to come up and take a look at what's been accomplished.

Meet our new Bishop February 3rd! — Bishop Dan Schwerin will visit the North East District at Appleton: First UMC on Monday, February 3 for a time apart of Bible study and inspiration. Laity are invited 6:30-8:00pm; registration opens at 6:00pm. Don't miss this chance to meet and be inspired by our new bishop!

Give to UMCOR to Support California Fire Relief—Checks can be made to Emmanuel with UMCOR in the memo line. Gifts can be made online atumcmission.org. Please see the flyer on the back table for other ways you can make a gift to support relief efforts directly.

**Used Puzzle and Book Sale at St. James February 15th**—Our neighbors at St. James are having a Used Puzzle and Book Sale on Saturday, February 15th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations of these items are welcome at their church Stop by to see our neighbors and find a fun way to keep warm!

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend

**Election Bake Sale February 18th**—Emmanuel is a polling place again on Tuesday, February 18th! Get ready bakers for another Election Bake Sale! Sign-ups for baking and sales people will be on the way soon.

# **Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns**

- **♥** Peace in our nation during this time of transition.
- ♥ For all those effected by the fires in L.A.
- ♥ For those in need of warm shelter during this extreme cold

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# EMMANUEL

# United Methodist Church

We welcome. We worship. We Witness.



As Was His Custom

Luke 4:14-21 January 26, 2025

#### Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

# Call to Worship

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

## We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

#### We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We, like those in Nazareth,
we gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us.
To encounter the life-giving message of God's love
redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

#### We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us.

The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

### We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God!

Hymn – Jesus Shall Reign — RED 157

Opening Prayer — ALL

We thank you, O God,

for calling us into your church to be your people.

"We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom,

because we have heard your call.

You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you,

seeking to love as we have been loved.

We call upon your holy name:

empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message—Pastor Ben

Offering

Offering Response—Doxology — RED 95

Scripture — Luke 4:14-21 God, we thank you for your Word. The story of your grace.

Sermon — As Was His Custom — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — Jesus Calls Us— CHOIR

Concerns and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and 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 to temptation,

but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Hymn— The Summons — BLACK 2130

Benediction

Postlude