

Crawford Methodist Church
18 January 2026 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

PREPARATION

Gathering Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" **UMH 369 v. 1**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Bringing in the Light of the World, Jesus Christ

Words of Welcome & Announcements **Zach Coia**

Annual Business Meeting

*Call to Worship:

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.

*Hymn of Preparation "I Love to Tell the Story" **UMH 156 v. 1, 2, 4**

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed **UMH 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Glory Be to the Father **UMH 70**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Sunday School Verse: "With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Hymn of Adoration: "This Little Light of Mine" **see insert**

DEDICATION

Offertory Prayer **Zach Coia**

Offertory Music **Karen Crockett**

*The Doxology **UMH 95**

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 **OT 679**

Response to God's Word:

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Acolytes 101: Carrying the Light" **Rev. Kent Berry**

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Invitation: "Are Ye Able" **UMH 530 v. 1, 4**

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Stand if comfortable

Prayer List

Ricky (Glenda's cousin)

KK Villa

Van Maussier

Travis Fass

Loretta Willis

Kaleb (Cookie's grandson)

Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)

Little Holy Tent Celebration

Zach, Katie, and Walker Coia

Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday School for all – 9:30 Sunday mornings

Coffee Plus – 2nd Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Faith First Exercise – Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Men of Faith – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry – 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Announcements

Christmas cards – Please be sure to take your Christmas cards from the narthex.

Potluck – Potluck is next Sunday. Remember we don't need desserts because it is also our Birthday Celebrations Day. Please sign-up to bring a cake.

Faith First Exercise is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Men of Faith meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

<u>Offering Totals</u>		
Date	Financial Goal	Offering Report
1/4	\$2,930.48	\$2,154.00
1/11	\$2,930.48	\$1,833.00

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