#### It is Good to Tithe to God

CALL TO GIVING Luke 6:38 (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

\*DOXOLOGY 95

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### It is Good to Hear God Speak

**SERMON** Pastor AAron Ankeny

# It is Good to Depart and Serve

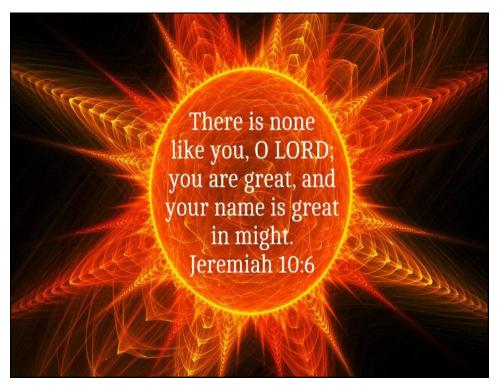
\*HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" 141

### \*BENEDICTION

All our hope is firmly grounded, in the great and living Lord; Who whenever we most need Him, never fails to keep His word. Pause and thank our great Creator, through God's only Son this day; God Almighty, the heavenly potter, made us out of earth and clay. We who share this earth and air, count on God's unfailing care.

\*POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"
(Please stand where indicated)



First Methodist Church of Lake City



### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

### **OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL**

"that no child sleeps on the floor in our town."

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### JANUARY 12, 2025 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## **It is Good to Gather for Worship**

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** Medley: "Jesus Is Lord of All", "Majesty", "O, What a Savior"

CHIMING HOUR GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Costello, Liturgist

### It is Good to be with God in Worship

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God's Presence

**PRELUDE** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**INTROIT** "Bless His Holy Name" Insert

### It is Good to Give Praise to God

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47:1-9 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!

<sup>3</sup> He subdues the nations before us, putting our enemies beneath our feet.

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm!

<sup>8</sup> God reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne.

## \*HYMN "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

# **It is Good to Affirm What We Believe**

#### \*AFFIRMATION

We believe God is the Father, the Son and the Spirit who are One essence existing eternally in a loving relationship with one another.

# He is perfect, infinite, eternal, and unchanging.

He is all-powerful, all-knowing, always present, self-sufficient, and sovereign. He is righteous, holy, just, loving, gracious, merciful, and true.

# THERE IS NO ONE, AND NO THING, LIKE THE LORD GOD.

There's nothing anywhere, that even compares to God, yet alone that can live up to His reputation. There is no one that can match Him in character, in how they exist, in what they perform or are capable of.

And because there is nothing that even compares to the Lord God, He alone must be God. We repeat, He alone must be God. We will not give our honor in worship to anything less.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

# It is Good to Repeat How Scriptures Describe God

## *Jeremiah 10:6-7 (NLT)*

<sup>6</sup>Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power. <sup>7</sup>Who would not fear you, O King of nations? That title belongs to you alone! Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world, there is no one like you.

## Deuteronomy 3:24 (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> 'O Sovereign Lord, you have only begun to show your greatness and the strength of your hand to me, your servant. Is there any god in heaven or on earth who can perform such great and mighty deeds as you do?

### **Psalm 86:8 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> No pagan god is like you, O Lord. None can do what you do!

# **Isaiah 46:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the Lord Most High is awesome. **He is the great King of all the earth.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The rulers of the world have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. For all the kings of the earth belong to God. **He is highly honored everywhere.** 



# **Prayer Concerns**



#### **GRIEF SHARE**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex and the church office.

#### WEEKLY GIVING 12/29/2024 Offering \$ 12,265

Gifts/Pledges \$ 10,585 Christmas Offering \$1,158 Hurricane Cleanup \$ 500

#### WEEKLY GIVING 1/5/2025

Offering \$ 12,934

Gifts/Pledges \$ 5,880 Flowers \$ 32 Wednesday Night Dinner \$ 5 Communion \$ 5 Hurricane Debris Cleanup \$ 7,012

Vanco Giving 12/29 \$ 410 1/05 \$ 810

Quarter 3 Revenue \$ 175,515 Expenses \$194,497 (January-September)

Attendance 12/29 54 1/05 50

#### Homebound:

† George Richardson † Sallie Rae Williams † Helena Powers

#### Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Bill Poplin † Lorene Douberley † Emily Robarts † Audrey Short † Julie Jones † Bob Breyer † Martha Jane Carter † Rosalie Marks † Don Hembree † Glenn Wilhite

#### Homes and Rehabilitation:

Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Willowbrook

#### Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

### Our Friends and Relatives:

† Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Lorene Douberley's grand-daughter, Sarah Geer † John Gunther † Steinberger's friend, April † Laura Carter † Renee Minnich-Higron † Leston Douberley † Quinn Ban & Family † Mikell Carmichael Douberley † Sandy Buck-Camp's brother, Samuel Buck, Jr.

#### Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin † Sharon Bentley † David Spears

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off and put this card in the offering plate.

We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

| Please Print your name (s) in this space: Name |
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| City/State/Zip                                 |
| Phone  |
| Email  |

### Notes/Prayer Requests

[ ] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Ginger Haggerty
- Kristin Yancey
- Glenn Wilhite
- II Aiden Bailey
- 13 Doc Bloodworth
- 15 Bill Poplin
- 16 Wyatt Willis
- 17 Elaine Stafford
- Blade Crawford
- Troy Register
- 26 Macy Foreman
- 28 Chris Costello
- 30 Emma Foreman Owen Lee





If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office @ 386-752-4488.

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Ankeny Pianist: Amelia Tompkins

Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober Custodian: Heather Crawford **Grounds Keeper:** Austin Reiter Nursery: Heather Giebeig



### **UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 14-Men's Fellowship-Canceled The next meeting will be February 11 @ 6 pm.

Saturday, January 18 @ 8:30 am-Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build @ the Christian Service Center. The goal is to build 20 beds. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Monday, January 20-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Office Closed

Thursday, January 23 @ 5:30 pm-Crafting Group's first meeting in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! If you have questions, speak with Ann Fortney or Martha Rine.

#### FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM DAVE MALONE

Sunday, December 29th was a day of mixed emotions. On the one hand I am excited to start a new adventure in Utah and on the other a bit sad to leave the music position at the church. I want to express my sincere thanks for the kind words, gifts, and awesome reception that day. Surely, I will miss you all and wish you all the best going forward. Please keep in touch and God's rich blessings to all for the new year. Much love, Dave

# **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE**

|                     | 2023 | 2024 | Tota |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Beds built :        | 102  | 157  | 259  |
| New Beds requested: |      | 4    | 4    |
| Beds Delivered:     | 58   | 167  | 22   |

