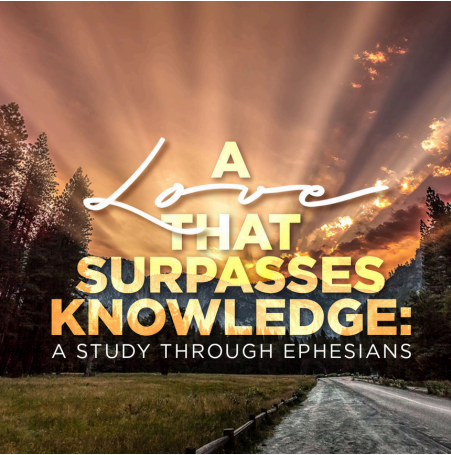


**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Barb Ing, in memory of her twin sister, Annette, on her birthday.

# Gay Street UMC

*Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service*



**Sanctuary, February 2, 2025**

***Speaking Truth Bombs in Love***  
*and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*  
**- Ephesians 3:19**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org), Facebook, or by signing up for eDevos—our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** [office@gaystreetumc.org](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

Sermon Notes:  
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**Upcoming dates to remember:**

- February 3rd, Piece Corps at 10am.
- February 7th, Care Team at 11:30am.
- February 7th, Tim Tebow ‘Night to Shine’ at Centerburg Church of Christ from 6pm–9pm.
- February 9th, Sub pick up day; Fellowship Hall for Chapel, and Parlor for Sanctuary.
- February 16th, CREW Laser tag, 1pm–3pm. See Logan for more details!
- February 17th, Office is closed; Happy Presidents Day!
- February 28th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm and Finance at 6:45pm.
- February 21st, The Closet at 5pm.

**We are hiring for a Kitchen Manager/Coordinator. Please visit our website for more details or call the office. 740-392-6626**

**Join us Wednesday evenings for food & fellowship at 5:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.**

**Youth Bible study led by Logan on the 3rd floor; Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm**

**Ways to Serve the Community and beyond, can be found on our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org) under the service tab.**

**Serving in Worship Volunteer Opportunities:** Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. If you are interested, please call the office. We appreciate your help.

**Our Mission**

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*, Johanna Krieger Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Gayle Keller  
**God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our lives, and ready our hearts for worship today. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UM Hymnal 584

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: With patience and love, we come as one family.

**C: We are one body of Christ, united in God.**

L: Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

**C: We gather to listen, and to share our stories.**

L: We are God’s children, parts of Christ’s purpose.

**C: We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.**

L: Come! Now is the time to worship.

INTO THE WORD

Zechariah 8:14–17

Lay Reader: Dave Dunnivant

Ephesians 4:1–16

\*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Speaking Truth Bombs in Love* Rev. Christopher Liberati

**Serving in Worship:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnivant

Live Stream: Carol Moore

Sound: Daniel Burson & Jassmine Bayless

Ushers: The Brooks Family

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Bind Us Together* TFWS 2226

Morning Prayer

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:  
*When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.*

Offertory *The Servant Song*, by David Schwoebel Chancel Choir

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

\*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

\*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body* Chancel Choir

Sharing of Bread and Cup

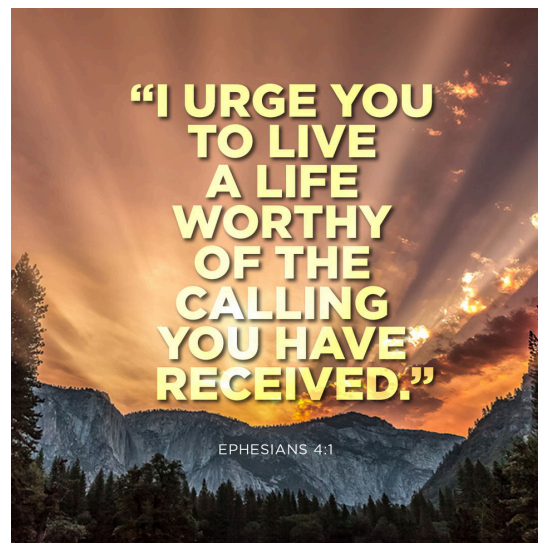
Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Parting *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

\*Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Janet Guetle  
arr. by James Pethel



**Did you know?**

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to become more intentional in our prayer life. Have a prayer request? Please fill out the green prayer cards located in the pews, place them in the offering plate, and they will be prayed over and shared with the pastors and/or congregation and/or care & connect team based on your request.

Consider lighting a candle at the kneeler at the beginning of this service while offering your prayers to God.