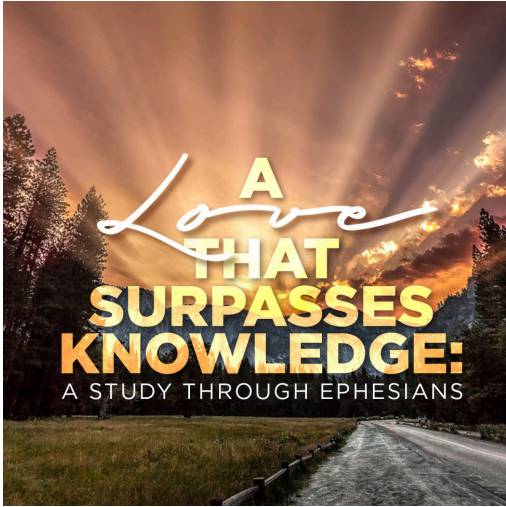


**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Susan Snyder in loving memory In Loving Memory of her daughter, Lisa McAlexander, and Loving Husband, Dan Snyder.

# Gay Street UMC

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



**Chapel, January 12, 2025**

***Breaking Down Walls***

*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 end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **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:**

- Weekly on Thursdays: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- TODAY: Chili Cook-Off in Fellowship Hall at 12pm!
- January 17th, The Closet at 5pm.
- January 19th, First Mission Trip Meeting on the 3rd floor at 12:15pm to anyone who plans on going or who are interested in attending, would like to attend.**
- January 20th, Office is Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
- January 21st, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 1pm–6pm.
- January 21st, Trustees at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.
- January 22nd, We will have a guest speaker: Dr. John Byron from 6:30–8pm. This event will also be livestreamed! “From Scroll to Bible” How the modern Bible came to be.**

Our Tree of Sharing becomes The Giving Tree for the students at Pleasant Street Elementary School. This year the items being asked for are shirts, sweatshirts, pants, socks, shoes, and underwear for both boys & girls; sizes Xsmall to Xlarge. These items can be placed on or around the tree from now, until the end of January, in the Red Parlor.

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

**Session ‘Making Sense of the Bible’ study led by Pastor Christopher on Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm, in the Varsity Room.**

**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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Janet Guetle  
Traditional French Melody, L. Smith

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Dwight Beougher

**God of all creation, everything that you have made lifts its unique voice to praise you in all of your glory. Even as we worship here, we join our voices to the one true song — the song the morning stars began, the song King David danced, the song the angels echoed at the birth of your Son. Glory to you, Holy God! Glory! Let this hour of worship be wholly to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *To God Be the Glory* UM Hymnal 98

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

L: Hope in Christ!  
**C: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.**  
L: Believe in Christ!  
**C: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.**  
L: Live in Christ!  
**C: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.**  
L: Live to the glory of Christ!

INTO THE WORD

2 Corinthians 5:16–19 Lay Reader: Sherri Pembrook  
Ephesians 1:3–14

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

Message *Breaking Down Walls* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Baptized in Water* TFWS 2248

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer–UM Hymnal #895

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.*

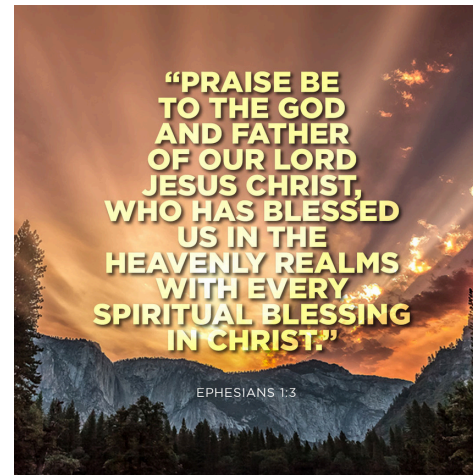
\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Parting *Amazing Grace* UM Hymnal 378

\*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in F, by Pachelbel* Janet Guetle



**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.