



## **Welcome to Worship**

Rev. David Fleming

### **Hymn – “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

Jubilee Bells

### **Children’s Sermon**

Brenda Matthews

### **Scripture Reading – Matthew 4:12-23**

Bob Clements

*Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

*As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.*

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

## **Hymn – “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

### **Sermon – “Timeless Promises for a New Year: God’s Promise of Ministry”**



#### **Please Register Your Attendance**

Please use the following link to let us know you were watching:

<http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

**Ways to Give** – Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at [gaumch.org](http://gaumch.org). Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Feed the Need** – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting spaghetti & sauce for January. Place gifts in kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

*The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email [grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net).*

### **New Study Opportunities**

**“Rule of Life” Study to Begin January 19** – What if? Have you made your New Year's resolutions? We so want to start the new year fresh with new habits and lifestyle only to fall flat within a month... or maybe even within the week! Why not start the new year differently? Instead of resolutions, lets seek a Rule of Life, i.e. habits and routines, that insure we stay close to God and others. Join us on Thursdays at noon beginning January 19. Rev. Teresa Holt will lead us as we learn from scripture, spiritual communities, and ancient prayer practices that could change our life and therefore even change our community and the world. Yes, just a simple Rule of Life can do that. The curriculum will be provided along with the tools necessary to start you on a life changing practice. An optional “deeper dive” curriculum will be available (at cost) for those seeking more introspective work. We will meet for four weeks and take a two-week break followed by four weeks in March. To sign up for the study, contact the church office at 501-623-5626.

**The Open Door Class** is beginning a new study of “Help is Here” by Max Lucado – Now more than ever, we're all weary from the loads we carry and the challenges we face. We have questions we cannot answer and problems we cannot solve. We'd hoped that life would be an invigorating adventure or an inspiring journey. We never expected to grow so tired so quickly. But Max Lucado teaches us that we can find fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. In this study you will:

- Learn who the Spirit is and how the Spirit can help
- Become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God
- Confidently take on any difficulty with the power of the Spirit
- Discover your unique gifts and purpose to further God's kingdom

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. For more information, call the church office at 501-623-5626.

**The Upper Room Class** is continuing their Study of “Romans” – Exploring how people have interpreted “Paul’s Letter to the Romans” down through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. The Upper Room Class is resuming their 8- week journey through Paul’s letter, reading two chapters each week. Class discussion is enriched by video presentations featuring world-class scholars and storytellers. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 behind the sanctuary. For more information, call the church office at 501-623-5626.

**The “Striving for Victory” Class** is beginning a new study of “Power and Belonging.” Occasionally, something happens in a person's life that is so big that it changes his or her identity. Maybe it is getting married and changing from a single person to a spouse, or becoming a parent. Sometimes a major job change can cause a shift in identity. While each shift is usually an exciting time, it's also a time of self-discovery and adjustment, learning about new commitments and challenges. This is also true of becoming a Christian. The lessons in this unit examine the changes people experience when they are welcomed into God's holy community of the church. Becoming a Christian isn't completed in a day. Rather, it is a process of growing into the manner and likeness of Jesus Christ. It asks us to realign our priorities, understand living in a community governed by grace, and challenge ourselves to become true disciples. For more information, call the church office at 501-623-5626.