

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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January 28, 2018

10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Congregation will stand, as able.

Please take time to greet and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Abide in Me”...“Love One Another”...“Bear Fruit”

Prelude

Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “How Great is Our God”

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Liturgist: The Word of God to the People of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “Good Good Father”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “I was Created”

*The Doxology UMH #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children’s Moment: Pastor Iwy

(Children will go to Sunday School)

*Hymn of Preparation: “Hear Our Praises”

The Good News: Pastor Iwy

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

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*Commission and Blessing:

Go out to witness to the good news you have heard.

God is even now raising up prophets among us.

We thank God for this time of being together.

We are grateful for freedom to worship and grow.

God is establishing truth among us, inviting us to learn.

Dare to question and explore, as disciples of Jesus.

We praise God for insight and guidance we have received.

We delight in ways we are able to help others.

God will supply us with words for our witness.

We will be led to offer others appropriate help.

All honor and majesty and glory be to God!

May we never stop praising God with our lives! Amen. Amen.

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“To the glory of God”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church
Coffee Hour Host: Marshall Moseley and Lee Norman
Crib & Toddler Care: No crib & toddler care today and next Sunday
Greeters: Jill Clockadale and Linda Purcell
Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today: After worship, Staff/Parish Relations meeting

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group GP Room

Tuesday: Bible Study Groups: 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. GP Room

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel

Friday: 10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Men’s Group; 9:30 a.m. Small Group Leaders

Next Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group

We welcome all visitors and are happy you chose our church to worship. Please fill out the visitor card in the pews and indicate if you would like the Pastor to call on you. If you are interested in joining our church, please talk to Maxine Haigh, Pastor Iwy or call the office. **Attention, parents of young children:** On the back shelf, there are liturgical activity sheets for the children that are linked with morning worship. Please feel free to get one for your child.

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