

*February 2, 2025
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*



Welcome! We're glad that you're here. Please use the time before worship to prepare your heart and mind for being in the presence of God. The musical prelude is offered as a time of spiritual preparation

*Please let us know you are here,
especially if you are new to worship with us!
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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

9:00 "How Firm a Foundation" (Herald Bells)

11:00 "Prelude in C" by Bach
(Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer

Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and to put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly For Children

Anthem 9:00 Music performed by Joyful Bells

11:00 "God Will Make A Way" by Hayes
(Chancel Choir)

Moment of Silence and Prayer of the People

Lord's 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.

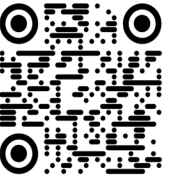
Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon "Sanctifying and Perfecting Grace"
Rev. Wesley S. Dickson

THANKSGIVING

Invitation/Confession

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity
Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!



Offertory 9:00 "Pastoral" by Mazzatenta (Herald Bells)

11:00 "First Song of Isaiah" by White
(Chancel Choir)

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

Prayer of Dedication

God of infinite forgiveness and grace, we praise you for your immeasurable love, for the means of grace, and for the hope of life everlasting. Awaken us to this gift each day so that we may praise you with both our lips and our lives, giving ourselves to your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382

Benediction

Recessional

9:00 "Edelweiss" (Herald Bells)

11:00 "Go Now In Peace" (Chancel Choir)

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Husted
(Karen Weirman)

Church Happenings

Please enjoy coffee hour in Fellowship Hall between services. Thank you Membership/Endowment for hosting today!

UMCNL Women's Day Retreat will be Saturday, March 1. All ladies are invited to attend this Sarah Circle hosted retreat. Last year over 40 members attended! We will focus on our spiritual journeys, love of each others fellowship, self-healing and laughter. Retreat will be held at UMCNL from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch and will be collected the day of the retreat. Sign-up board is located in the Narthex or call/text Teresa Randolph at (773) 405-6233 or Erika Martin at (815) 409-5178.

Orchestra Sunday It's time to sign up for the annual Orchestra Sunday, which will take place on Sunday, February 23. The only rehearsal will be in the evening on Wednesday, February 19 in the church sanctuary. Please sign up at the Welcome Center with your name, instrument and contact information. Music can be picked up today.

Sunday Email If you are not receiving a Sunday morning email for Wesley and wish to be added, please contact Pastor Wesley at wesley@umcnl.com. You'll receive an email each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. with the most current information related to happenings at UMCNL.

A Note about Winter Weather When there is an abundance of snow, ice wind or whatever, please be absolutely sure to exercise caution when making the decision to venture out to worship. It is our practice to meet for worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Even if the snow is blowing and the lights are out, we will still be here for service and we will also do our best to stream the 11:00 service.

Prayer Chain Ministry Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email business@umcnl.com to let us know your desire to be a part of this wonderful group! Prayer changes things; we will never know the impact our prayers will have on other lives, but we will know when that time in prayer begins to change us.

Contemporary Worship Service We are proud to offer a much more relaxed experience of worship each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Join us!

Get Involved

Intro to United Methodism This 4-week study is open to our entire church and is designed as an interactive way to learn much about United Methodism. This class is also offered to those who desire to join the membership of The United Methodist Church of New Lenox. We will cover a little of our history, doctrine, theology, and membership vows. There is no cost to participate, simply contact Pastor Wesley (wesley@umcnl.com) so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. on March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Easter Sunday, April 20

Nursery Volunteers. Would you like to participate in this special ministry and serve one Sunday a month at 9:00 service? Volunteers are needed to work in teams. Please contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com for information

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be February 20 at Tear Drop Cafe in New Lenox. The Sponsors are Chuck and Diane Kozielski. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

Grief Share A new year is a time for new beginnings. Our GriefShare team will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and will be using the updated videos and workbooks. All are welcome and you may call the church office for more details. (815) 485-8271

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study is starting a new study of the book The Shepherd Trilogy by Phillip Keller. The group meets every Friday morning- 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the church chapel. New ladies are always welcome to join!

Greeters Needed We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

Welcome Center Volunteers are needed on Sundays! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Amanda Fox at amandaseverson1281@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Our group meets on the third Monday of the month. If you knit or crochet, come join us for fellowship and mission. Yarn and patterns are provided. For more information, contact Beverly at (815) 514-6814.

Youth Updates

Scholarships The time for applying for scholarships is here! The criteria and application form for the scholarships are available by contacting Al Haring at haring1@sbcglobal.net beginning Sunday, January 12, 2025. "Scholarship question" should be in the Subject line. High School seniors should cc their parents on all emails. Completed application forms for consideration will need to be returned to the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Youth Group Join us! UMCNL will host a weekly youth program for 7-12 grade students every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Keep in touch via email and text by texting JOINUYM to 84576 or connect online with us at unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com

Joy Camp 2025 Attention 5th - high school seniors. JOY Camp 2025 will be June 22 - June 28 at beautiful Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, Illinois. This is the week after Father's Day. JOY Camp is a week-long overnight camp focused on delivering the message of God's love through fun, fellowship, nature, scripture, and worship. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your faith journey. The February newsletter will include information about signing up for this fun opportunity. The UMCNL offers partial scholarships to our youth who attend. Questions? Contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com

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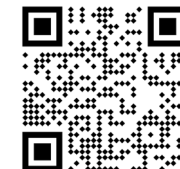
Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment. If you have a prayer request, please scan the prayer request code.

Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com
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