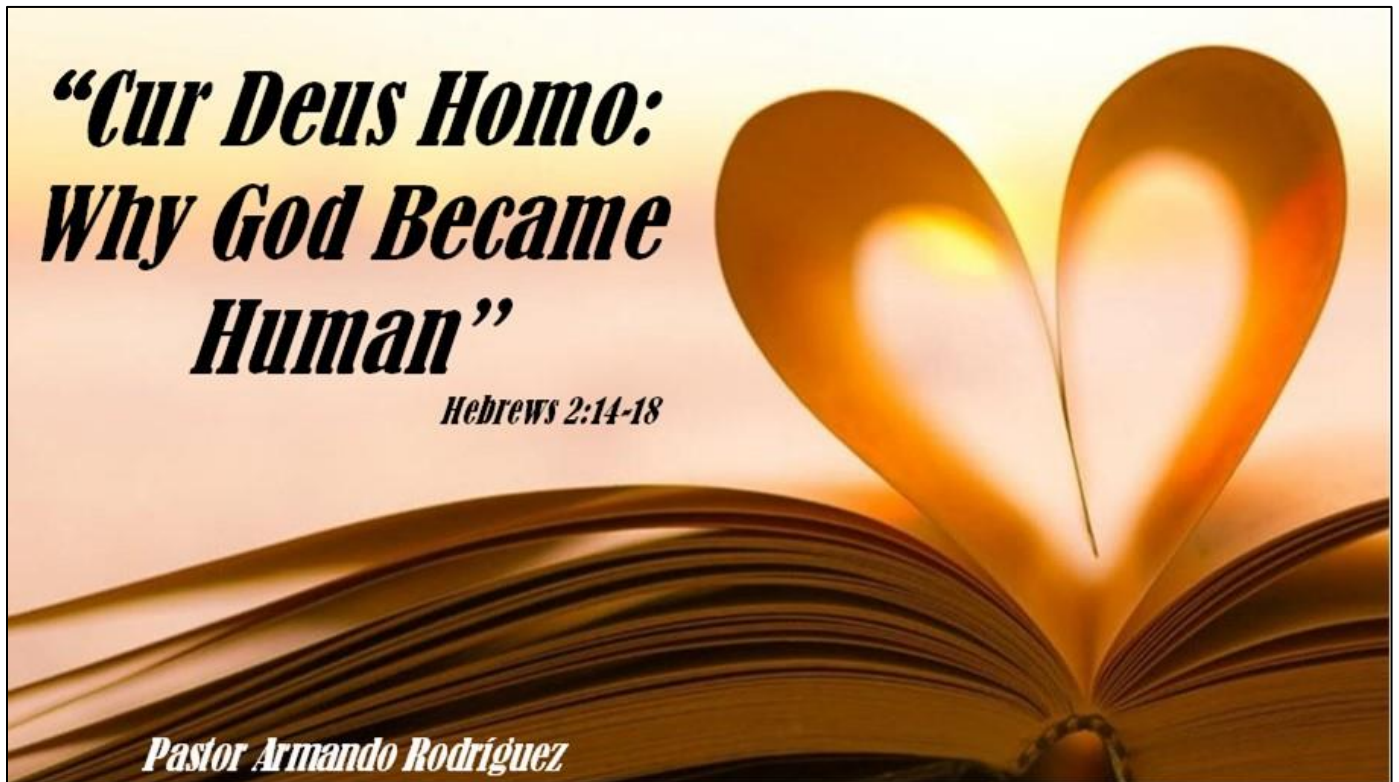


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## *Our Vision & Mission*

***“Shining the Light of God’s Love”***

*Through*

**Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach**

# “Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

## GATHERING

### WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

#### PRELUDE

“I Believe In a Hill Called Mt. Calvary”  
(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)

Cindy Forbes

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 118:14-15

UMH 839

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

**Congregation: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH 158

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

*Words: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843; Music: Trad. Melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 18/24; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963; CCLI License #1229420*

## MORNING PRAYER

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,

who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

“Jesus, Savior”

FUMC Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Words by Thomas Ken 1674; Music by Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623; CCLI License #1229420*

**\*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 2:14-18 (NIV)

**MESSAGE**

“Cur Deus Homo: Why God Became Human”

Pastor Armando Rodríguez

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself up for us...

**Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: John Zundel, 1870; CCLI License #1229420*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

**Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine**

***Altar Flowers***

The flowers on the Altar are given by Ginny Young, in honor of Dominick Kay, her 6 year old great grandson, ringing the bell following his 8-1/2 months of chemo and radiation on his sole kidney.

# **“Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany”**

**9:30 am Contemporary Worship**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

“God With Us”

“Blessed Be the Name”

“This is Amazing Grace”

### **CHILDREN’S CHAT**

Holley Lane

### **PRAYER TIME**

### **OFFERING**

“I Can Only Imagine”

### **BIBLE READING**

Hebrews 2:14-18 (NIV)

### **MESSAGE**

“Cur Deus Homo: Why God Became Human”

Pastor Armando Rodríguez

### **COMMUNION / ALTAR CALL / CLOSING**

“Room at the Table”

### **BENEDICTION**

**Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine**

## Hebrews 2:14-18 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup>For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Every Member Prayer List** – Please pray for the following this week: Carole Bogumil, Dick & Jane Bolton, Delores Bonello, Beverly Bostwick, Carole Bowen, Dixie Bradley, Desmond & Phyllis Brice, Steve, Amanda, Abigail, Hannah, Caroline & John Brickley.

**Christianity's Family Tree** presented at Pathfinders on Sundays at 11 am in Room 105, February 9, 16, 23 & March 9. Call the church office to sign up or fill in at the bottom of the Attendance form on Sunday. (No book required).

**New Member Class** – Come explore membership at FUMC! February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm AND February 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:30 pm (lunch provided) in Room 101, BLC. Learn how membership can bless you tremendously with new friends, new connections to the church, and new vistas for your spiritual growth. Sign up on the Attendance Form or by calling the church office.

**Lent Study 2025** - Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! We are using “*Draw the Circle; the 40 Day Prayer Challenge*” by Mark Batterson. All small groups are invited to study/discuss the book to experience a deeper, more passionate, persistent, and intimate prayer life. Call the church office if you would like to lead or join a group. Books are available from Christian Book, Cokesbury, Barnes & Noble and Amazon. (Pastor Rich will be leading a group on Sundays - March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 5:30–7:30 pm at his home in the Gatlin Area, reach out to redwards1629@gmail.com to join his group).

**Good Grief Group** – Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to meet with us the first Monday of each month in Room 101 at noon. This month's meeting will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a brown bag lunch.

**Mission Team Pasta Dinner Fundraiser & Silent Auction** – February 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm, Tickets \$12.00 adults, \$8.00 youth 6-12 & 5 and under eat free. Tickets are available in the church office or from the Mission Team members.

**Valentine's Day Fundraiser** – The Food Pantry is sponsoring a Bake Sale and Valentine's Bear Gift Bags fundraiser on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the BLC Lobby from 8 am – 1 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry operations.

**Movie Night** – The Witness Team will present “The Forge”, Sunday February 23 at 6:30 pm in the BLC. A kick off to our Lent Bible Study. FREE to all. Bring a friend!

**Rad's Half Marathon Fundraiser** – Rad Orlandi will be running a Half Marathon (that's 13.1 miles) on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to raise funds for 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wish List. Pledges can be made on your Attendance Form today or call the church office.

**Order 2025 Flowers Now** – The new chart is in the Narthex today. Forms are available in the Narthex or the church office. Please complete the dedication form and make payment when you put your name on the chart.

**Lighthouse Kids** - Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Ark for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. We learning about Jesus, sing worship songs, play games, and have fun together. Bring a friend!

**Youth** – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Meeting Wednesdays and Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Youth Room in the Outreach Center. A gathering to meet fellow Christian students, to experience the life of the church, and to learn more about Jesus!

**Food Pantry** – We serve families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. We also offer clothing through **Hope's Corner**. Clean, gently used clothing are accepted.

**Presence in Worship for 1/26: 407 Sunday School: 53**

**Financial Update** – Last week we received \$13,781.21 toward our weekly need of \$19,784. In the month of January we received \$71,898.54 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



**Online/Mobile Giving** - You can make your donations at [pslfumc.com](http://pslfumc.com) by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

## **Meetings This Week**

BLC – Beacon Life Center      OC – Outreach Center

### **Sunday**

- 2/2      8:00a    Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 2/2      9:30a    Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
- 2/2      9:30a    Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
- 2/2      9:30a    Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
- 2/2      9:30a    Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
- 2/2      9:30a    High School Sunday School/103, BLC
- 2/2      11:00a    Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 2/2      11:00a    Pathfinders Adult Sunday School/105, BLC
- 2/2      11:30a    Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
- 2/2      6:30p    Youth/4, OC

### **Monday**

- 2/3      12:00p    Good Grief/101, BLC
- 2/3      1:00p    Prayer Shawl/102, BLC

### **Tuesday**

- 2/4      9:30a    Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
- 2/4      10:00a    Food Pantry/2, OC
- 2/4      6:30p    Living Free from Offense/103, BLC

### **Wednesday**

- 2/5      6:45a    Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 2/5      5:30p    Bell Ensemble/Sanctuary
- 2/5      6:30p    DivorceCare/103, BLC
- 2/5      6:30p    Disciple II/101, BLC
- 2/5      6:30p    Lighthouse Kids/Ark
- 2/5      6:30p    Youth/4, OC
- 2/5      7:00p    Praise Team/100, BLC

### **Thursday**

- 2/6      9:00a    Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
- 2/6      9:30a    Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 2/6      10:00a    Disciple I/105, BLC
- 2/6      5:30p    Hispanic ESL Class/105, BLC
- 2/6      7:00p    Choir Practice/Sanctuary
- 2/6      7:00p    Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p