

- ◆ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bringing food and drink into the sanctuary.
- ◆ Protective face coverings will be optional for vaccinated persons. We remain considerate of one another's choices and concerns as well as those among us who can't choose vaccinations at this time. We ask that you continue to respect personal boundaries.
- ◆ We hope there are enough bulletins for everyone who comes to worship, but in case we run out, they are accessible online.

**WELCOME WORDS AND SHARING** Pastor Nancy

**PRELUDE**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP (READ RESPONSIVELY)** Jennie Spoor

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

**Let us join hearts and voices in praise.**

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

**Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.**

We practice our faith in many different ways.

**Yet, we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.**

We render different forms of ministry.

**Yet, our calling is one because Christ is undivided.**

Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* **OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**God of us all, we come before You knowing that there are struggles among us in our families, with friends, in our churches, and nations. You have called us to proclaim Your gospel and to share Your love. We gather today to embrace the call to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve in the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. AMEN.**

\* **OPENING HYMN** *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* #122 UMH

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, we know we come from a world that is tearing itself apart due to division. Remind us that You desire unity and one mind from Your children. Help us work at listening in love more than working at speaking louder and winning the day. We dedicate not just our gifts but our minds to the work of Your unifying love. In Christ, we pray. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to MUMC, 1007 Church Street, Milton WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there is an offering box located at the parking lot entrance sidewalk, and there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

**OFFERTORY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* #301 UMH

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE** Pastor Nancy

\* **THE APOSTLE'S CREED (UNISON)** #881 UMH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\* **CLOSING HYMN** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #557 UMH

\* **SENDING FORTH (READ RESPONSIVELY)**

As we leave this gathered worship, we do not leave alone.

**We go with God into a world filled with God's presence.**

May we go with one another, bound together in Spirit and in truth, a mighty company of disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Let us go, seeking to show that God is still at work in the world. AMEN.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

\* You may stand if you wish.



**NEW BIRTH:** The rose bud on the altar is presented in celebration of the birth of Robert Micah Klinestiver, born Monday, January 16. He is the son of Robert, Jr. & Brittany Klinestiver.



**WELCOME:** Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a yellow card that is in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

**ECCHO:** Please bring a jar of **SPAGHETTI SAUCE** for ECCHO this month. ECCHO tries to include spaghetti pasta and sauce each month for their clients. Pasta has been available, but "sauce is scarce." ECCHO served 313 families during December 2022 which included 1,766 people. Your generosity is always appreciated!

**NOISY OFFERING:** Next Sunday, January 29, we will collect your loose change for missions. Remember, folding money is gladly accepted, too.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Vitality Team is being reorganized, and we need YOUR help. Please sign up or let Pastor Nancy know that you are interested in helping with this committee.

Continuing Prayer Concerns		
<i>Recently added names are in Italics.</i>		
<b>Nursing &amp; Assisted Living Centers:</b>		
<i>Paramount:</i> Anna Jean Blackwood		
<b>Others:</b> Our elected officials; Sunday school (children, youth, & teachers); military personnel; churches & ministers; missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Joe Hill; Pastor Nancy White; 130 <sup>th</sup> Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and		
Alex S.	Debbie R.	Robin
Alice	Frank U.	Roger W.
Angela Gay K.	J. D.	Rose
Austyn H.	Jacklynn V.	Stephanie J.
Avery	John M.	Steven L.
Barbara	Ken H.	Terry B.
Becky S.	Lin L.	Terry P.
Brooks S.	Lisa P.	Tim C.
Carlous	Millie	Tootie
Cheryl	Patrick	Zack

**FREE BOOKS:** “The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth” is a little book that leads one through exactly what the title describes. We have them available to you and encourage you to gift one to someone who might find it worthwhile in their new year also. Since it was free to us, it is free to you. Take and share as long as there are copies and we might even get more if needed. The small brown books are located by the sanctuary entrance and usher areas.

**NEWSLETTERS:** It’s time to send news for February & March. Please have your news in the office BY Thursday, January 26. If you cannot view the newsletter on our website, please add your name & address on the list to have your newsletter sent via USPS.

**LITURGICAL COLORS:** “The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle, there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized the color green. Thus, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.” (***The United Methodist Book of Worship***)

*Sermon Notes*

**CALENDAR for the Week Beginning JANUARY 22**

**TODAY**  
 Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class ..... 9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
 Worship Ministry Team ..... After Worship

**THURSDAY**  
 T.O.P.S. .... 4:00—5:00 PM

**NEXT SUNDAY: NOISY OFFERING**  
 Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class ..... 9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM

<p><b>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK</b>          Online ..... 70          Parking Lot ... 3          Last Sunday ... 33</p>
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***Mission Statement***  
*The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.*



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY                      JANUARY 22, 2023**

Milton/Bethesda Charge  
 Reverend Nancy White, Pastor

Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation	Lay Leader: Brad Stewart
Song Leader: William Deel	Organist/Pianist: Lynn McGinnis
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Secretary's Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 AM to 2 PM	
Pastor's Email: <a href="mailto:revnancywhite@gmail.com">revnancywhite@gmail.com</a>	
Pastor's Cell: 304-549-0496	