

Anthoan Community Methodist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson  
February 2, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Second Reading

Ecclesiastes 1: 1-9

Today's Message

"Is Everything Meaningless?"

Shirley

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"  
UMH #131

Call to Worship Liturgist: Tim Hoy  
L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.  
**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.**  
L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.  
**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**  
L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.  
**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer  
**Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Proverbs 3: 1-11

Psalm 19 Read Responsively UMH #750

Children's Story Shirley

Hymn of Preparation "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
UMH #474

God Calls Us to Respond

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE** (Joys and Concerns)  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

\*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

**All: God, as we give today, let us do so with compassion. May our offerings be used to help those in need and to spread your love to all.**

Closing Song "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

Ministers.....EVERYONE!  
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson  
Liturgist.....Tim Hoy  
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:  
OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Linda Christensen, Joyce Gothier, Kim Houlsworth McDonald, Jeanette Kummer, and Roger Hladik.  
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!  
**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**February 9:** Souper Bowl luncheon. Only a few short weeks until we bring our crockpots of soup and see who can take the traveling trophy away from Shirley. Plan now to bring your favorite soup. **If you would like to make a pot of soup or a pan of bars or dessert, please see Shirley or JoLynne after church**

**February 10:** Ad Board and Finance Meeting. 7:00 p.m.

**Donate blankets:** We have had some blankets donated to the church to be given to needy people in the local area and Sioux City. We will be taking them up as soon as possible as there are still a couple of cold months left. If you have blankets you are not using and would like to have them donated, please bring them by next Sunday and they will be taken to Gospel Mission, the Place, the warming shelter, or whoever needs them.

**March 5:** Ash Wednesday Service. 7:00

**February Readers:** Feb. 9-Duane Brandt, Feb. 16-Erin Baird, Feb. 23-Eileen Klindt.

**February Children's Story:** Feb. 9- Rhonda Beeson, Feb. 16-Kathy Hodgdon. Feb. 23-Erin Baird.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Sue Wilson (3); Bill Redenius (4)

Jan./Feb. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Anthon Military:** To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

**If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.**

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