POPLAR SANCTUARY

Sunday, January 14, 2024
"Unwrapped: Gifted with a Purpose"

Dr. Deborah Suddarth

GREETING Dr. Sarah Harper

PRELUDE "The King of Love" arr. Ritter

Wayne Warren, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Andrew Harper

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, All: Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

L: Chosen before the foundation of the world,

A: may we, too, be holy and blameless before him.

L: In Christ, we find redemption, forgiveness, and purpose for life.

A: Grant us wisdom and insight to live out Christ's will in our lives. Amen!

+WORSHIP SONG "Our God"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (881)

Dr. S. Harper

"The Apostles' Creed"

+GLORIA PATRI (70) "Glory Be to the Father"

MEINEKE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mrs. Dwanna Huffstutter

CONGREGATIONAL & LORD'S PRAYER (895)

+HYMN (369) "Blessed Assurance"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Patrick Mason

+HYMN (77)

"How Great Thou Art"

v 1, 3, 4

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Mrs. Huffstutter

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Chancel Choir

+DOXOLOGY (95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+GOSPEL LESSON Ephesians 1 (selected verses) Miss Abby Johnson



SERMON

"Gifted with a Purpose"

Dr. Deborah Suddarth

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+WORSHIP SONG

BENEDICTION

"How Great is Our God"

Dr. Suddarth

+SONG OF BLESSING

Nelson/Tooley

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

+POSTLUDE

"Our God"

+ Those who are able, please stand.

HOSPITAL:

Baby Penny Zimmerman, newborn daughter of Becky & Kyle Zimmerman - Lebonhuer Step Down Unit

Terry Ingram, Baptist Memphis (no visitors)

HOSPICE:

Brenda Robinson, Schilling Gardens

Lucille Galloway, Baptist Hospice

Michelle (Mickey) Salmon, Home

SYMPATHY:

Clara Bailey in the passing of her mother, Nancy Nicholson Joey Reed & Family in the passing of Joey's Aunt Julie Susan Lawhon in the passing of her mother, Marilyn Nemeth

If you need to speak with a pastor due to an

emergency, please call the pastor on call number 901-471-6630.

CUMC EVANGELISM TOOL BOX: SHARING THE JESUS IN YOUR HEART

HOLY SPIRIT - Pray for opportunities and know that it is the Holy Spirit working in someone's life in multiple ways.

CONVERSATION STARTERS - Cross on your desk, scripture on a wall at home, church yard sign, church tee shirt, etc.

INVITE - Be specific with dates and a place to meet them.

RELATIONSHIPS - Our relationships with friends, colleagues, and the neighbors on our BLOCK already have trust and respect. It is out of our relationship with God that we share the Jesus in OUR Hearts with those we know, love and care about.