

## Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father.  
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love.  
Whose mercy is over all his works,  
And whose will is ever directed to his children's good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man.  
The gift of the Father's unfailing grace.  
The ground of our hope,  
And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
Whereby we are kept in enduring remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
And find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
As set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,  
To the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.  
Amen.

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*Curlew United Methodist Church*

*December 31, 2023*

*10:30 AM*

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

All are welcome as we come together to worship in the House of the Lord.

Organ Selections  
Announcements

\*Greeting and Sharing the Peace

\*Opening Hymn **“Majesty”** UMH 176

Opening Prayer

## GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Helen Hershman

Leader: Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us, let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty, whose righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God’s hands are faithful and just.

People: **God’s covenant is established forever in truth and justice.**

All: **Our redemption is in the name of our Lord. Holy and awesome is God’s name in all the earth!**

\*Affirmation of Faith Modern Affirmation (Back of Bulletin)

\*The Gloria Patri

Prayers and Praises Helen Hershman

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rachel Hughes

Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology UMH 95

Offertory Prayer Chaplain Helen Hershman

Special Music  
Scripture **Matthew 2: 13-18** NSRV

The Message **“Back To The Real Life”** Pastor Rachel Hughes

\*Closing Hymn **“We Are One In The Spirit” (v 1 & 2)** TFWS 2223

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS

\*Benediction Pastor Rachel Hughes

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Pastor Rev. Rachel Hughes  
Director of Music Ministries Ben Winkler

**\*Stand if you are able**

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***Praise Band, “The Relics”***  
*Guitar: Pastor Rachel Hughes,*  
*Keyboard: Linda Wells, Piano: Ben Winkler*



Prayers for Healing, Prayers for Traveling Mercies, Prayers because you are loved.

Pastor Rachel & Family, the Aguinaga Family, Walt Anderson, Denise Claudette, Paul, Tom, Mike, Natalie Dodge, Kim, Marlene, Sandy, Anthony, Marilyn and Max, Dorothy, Emily & Avery, Pam & Pete Dane, Nancy Kirk, Prayers for Our Military, the Curlew Church Family, The United Methodist Church, Our Country