

First Church at Worship

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. The service begins with the procession of light, recalling the journey of the magi to see the Messiah. Through word and sacrament we receive the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” Paul Manz
 “There’s a Star in the East” Charles Callahan

INTROIT “Rise and Greet the Sun” Butler

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSION OF LIGHT Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

HYMN OF LIGHT No. 254 *Kings of Orient*

“We Three Kings” (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

“We Three Kings” (*stanzas 3 & 4*)

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

“We Three Kings” (*stanza 5*)

* DIALOGUE

The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.

We too have a star to guide us.

The shepherds ran to see the babe.

We too have a star to guide us.

The magi knelt at the child’s feet

We too have a star to guide us.

Christ shines with God’s own truth and light.

We too have a Star to guide us.

*GATHERING HYMN No. 220 *Regent Square*
 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

* GREETING

God who sent the Light into our world,
 who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
 and who spreads the Spirit’s rays,
 be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PSALTER No. 795 Gary Alan Smith

Psalm 72:1-14 with *Response 1*

THE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12 NT Pgs. 193

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 NT Pg. 2

As a star, God’s holy word leads us to our King and Lord; brightly from its sacred pages shall this light throughout the ages shine upon our path of life..

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS “Baby Gifts” Rev. Kyle

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON “A Light on the Road” Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 219 *Greensleeves*
 “What Child Is This”

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
 Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles’ Creed

*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
 he forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lead us, O God;
lead us by your light.

OFFERTORY “Greensleeves” Timothy Albrecht

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Carl F. Mueller
 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

Taking the Bread and Cup
 The Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord’s Prayer
 Giving the Bread and Cup

This morning Communion will be served by Intinction.
 The ushers will direct you to one of three stations at the front of the church.
 Each person will receive a piece of bread to dip into the chalice.
 You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail.

The Communion Offering, left at the chancel rail,
 will be used in support of the Waccamaw Youth Center.

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 245 *The First Noel*
 “The First Noel”

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Edwin C. Johnson
 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

* CONGREGATION STANDING.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Gloria Patri, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Sylvia Watts
by Frank, Teresa and Frankie.



Christian Sympathy is given to Doug Roof and family on the death of his father, D. C. "Jeff" Roof. Mr. Roof passed away on Monday, December 24 in Columbia, SC.

During the month of January, Billy Fallaw, Director of Music Ministries, will be on sabbatical leave for a time of renewal, study, and reflection. The South Carolina Annual Conference in accordance with "The Book of Discipline" encourages persons who are in five years or more of ministry to take a sabbatical leave for a time of formational and spiritual growth. Let us uphold Billy in our prayers during this time. Darleen Smith will be our interim director of music ministries throughout this month. All music ministries will continue as normal. Billy will return to the office on February 1.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Director of Music)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Director of Christian Education.)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Assistant)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the First View inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, January 6

- Altar Guild:** Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
- Crucifer and Acolytes:** Graham Carter, Sydney Stegall, Jacob Johnson
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon / Ike Locklair (Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson
- Trustee Duty:** Lindsey Hendrick / Jill Nelson
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
- Ushers:** Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman) Danny Clonts, Kevin Cox, Eric Fox, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Tidy Singleton, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.
- Nursery Volunteers:** Michael Brooks, Sallie Goldfinch, Julie Whitten
- Children's Church:** Mandy Roof, Anna Levy

Stewardship		Attendance & Offerings	
Operating	32,317.36	Sunday School	110
Good Samaritan	10.00	Morning Worship	129
Building Fund	5,796.40		
Total	38,123.76	Food Offering for CAP	30

This Week at FUMC

- Sunday, January 6**
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Recorder Consort Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / Rm. 205
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Follow That Star! / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

- Monday, January 7**
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC

- Tuesday, January 8**
- 10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC

- Wednesday, January 9**
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Gathering Time / Room 119/121
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Bible Story and Crafts / Room 119/121
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Kid's Club / Room 121
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room



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Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2012

11:00 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.