

We Gather to Worship God

On the Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. As the people of God who gather as the body of Christ, we encounter the Word made flesh among us as we worship and go forth to be bearers of light proclaiming this good news to all the ends of the earth.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Wilbur Held
Of the Father's Love Begotten

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 240 Mendelssohn
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hey! Sing to God something brand new!
(Loudly): For God has done wonderful things! Hey!
God had not forgotten to love us all!
Even the ends of the earth have heard!
Make a Joyful noise!
Hey! Hey! HEY!
With symphony and band!
All instruments turned up!
With the roaring see and everything in it!
With all the land and everything in it!
The floods clap their hands!
The hills sing for joy!
Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:
Justice for everyone, everything fair!
Hey! Sing to God something brand new!
For God had Done wonderful things! HEY!

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

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord, Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.
Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
 *All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10 OT Pg. 683

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

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12 NT Pg. 218

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

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY In Dulci Jubilo
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14 NT Pg.91-92
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
All children are invited to bring one of their new toys for a blessing.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON God's Gift Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 242 Gartan
Love Came Down at Christmas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Carol of the Bells Peter Wilhousky

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 220 Regent Square
Angels from the Realms of Glory

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Marcel Dupre
Gloria (from Magnificat VI)

* CONGREGATION STANDING



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

My Sermon Notes

- _____
- _____
- _____



For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary for Christmas, we invite you to take them with you following this morning's service.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.



Epiphany Celebration Follow That Star Wednesday, January 4!

Join the fun as we welcome the celebration of the Epiphany. Children's activities will begin at **3:15** in the Family Life Center with storytelling, crafts, music and **live camel rides**. All children will be invited to follow the stars on this special day.

Following dinner **EVERYONE** is invited to join us in the sanctuary @ **6:30** as the celebration continues. Come join us as we celebrate the Twelfth night of Christmas!

Serving This Sunday, December 25

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Sylvia Richardson, Paula Mytko, Libby McCutcheon, Lillian Sherry

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caroline Todd, Anna Kate Nelson, Emma Chanaca

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Hewitt and Jack McCutcheon
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Trustee Duty: Dawne Clonts, Johnny Vaught

Children's Church: Sammy and Debbie Johnson

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zach Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Hunter Jenkins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Tyler Thomas

Serving Next Sunday, January 1

Altar Guild: Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck

Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Annie Cecil, Nathan Nelson

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Danny Clonts, Bo Ives
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Trustees Duty: Dawne Clonts, Brian Stewart

Children's Church: Amy Hickman

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Phil Thompson (Head Usher) Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM

10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

Church Office is closed

Tuesday, December 27

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Friday, December 30

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

The Church Office will be open Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Birthdays This Week

December 28: Teresa Bell, Kimberly Dannelly,

December 29: Melinda Hyman, Joan Booth

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara are visiting with family. Should you need him, please contact him on his cell at 803-804-2208.

Josh, Joy, Nolan and Emery will be visiting with family. Should you need Josh, please contact him on his cell at 828-476-0113.

1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526
843-488-4251 / www.fumcconway.org



First United Methodist Church

Christmas Day
December 25, 2016



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.