

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *All Praise to Thee* Johann Walther

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE GREETING

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!
A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 246

Joy to the World

Antioch

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.
The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 147:13-21

St. Agnes

**Worship the Lord, Jerusalem,
Praise God, O Israel;
For he has made your gates secure
And blessed your children well.**

**Upon your borders he makes peace,
The fields yield finest flour;
He sends out his command on earth,
His word speeds forth wind and power.**

**Who can withstand his freezing cold,
Hoarfrost and hail and snow?
Yet when he sends his word and wind
They melt and waters flow.**

**He gives to Jacob, Israel,
His law, his word that frees;
To other nations he has not
Revealed his just decrees.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to
be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as
his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his
will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in
the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he
lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us
the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in
Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an
inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who
accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we,
who were the first to set our

hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also,
when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and
had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy
Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's
own people, to the praise of his glory.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 219 *What Child Is This*

Greensleeves

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into
being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What
has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all
people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a
witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He
himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true
light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet
the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own
people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in
his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not
of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his
glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John
testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who
comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶From
his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was
given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one
has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's
heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 219 *What Child Is This*

Greensleeves

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Kyle

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM

From a Distant Land

Hal Hopson

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 731 *Austria*
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December January 2

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
5:00 p.m. Conway Cotillion / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. **Follow That Star!**
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Epiphany Service / Sanctuary

Thursday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Friday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday January 8

1:00 p.m. Locklair Family / FLC Gathering Room

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January 2nd, 2022
2nd Sunday after Christmas
9th Day of Christmas
10:30 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.



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