

We Gather to Worship God

Within the gospel readings' profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed as a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Louis Clerambault
Trumpet in Dialogue

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 250 Irby
Once in Royal David's City

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*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 love the world that God sent his son 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.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

God of peace, we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sin. In the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.. 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 worshipping 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 Jeremiah 31:7-14 OT. Pg. 734

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 147:13-21 *Gift of Love*

*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 with 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 NT Pg. 192

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ANTHEM *Prayer of the New Year* Albin Whitworth

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-8 NT Pgs. 91-92

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

The Gift That Lasts

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

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle

"They Will Know When I've Finished My Picture"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 224 In Dulci Jublio

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

OFFERTORY *Verso in G* Domenico Zipoli

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

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

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to The Good Samaritan Fund.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 217	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
No. 219	<i>What Child Is This</i>	<i>Greensleeves</i>

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 251 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Go Tell It on the Mountain

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
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* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



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.

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:

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

Serving This Sunday, January 3

Altar Guild: Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Cooper Thomas,
John Kelly Thompkins

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon / Ike Locklair
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Mike Thomas

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 3

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, January 4

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
2:00 p.m. UDC Meeting / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting (Cocaine Anonymous) / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 6: Follow That Star

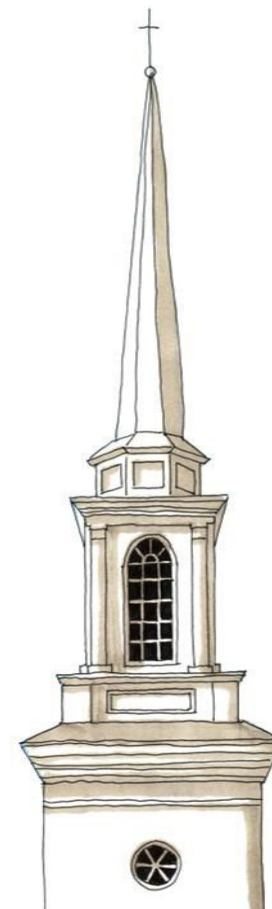
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
3:00 p.m. Follow That Star / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:30 p.m. Epiphany Celebration / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Thursday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120

Friday, January 8

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 3, 2016

11:00 a.m.

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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.