

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Pachelbel

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 254

We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

* OPENING 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.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* 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.

ANTHEM

Never a Brighter Star

Dan Forrest

Katherine Brooks, Jane Case, Melinda Hyman, Janet Lawrence

~ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 72

Maitland

**Send us, O God, the King whose reign
Will make your justice known;
Let him deal fairly with your land,
The poor, and all your own.**

**From Tarshish, Saba, from the isles,
Arabia, all kings
Shall come, bow down to him, and serve,
And make their offerings.**

**For he shall save the poor, redeem,
All those oppressed by strife,
Have pity on the lowly, poor;
He shall preserve their life.**

**Long may he live! May gold be given
And prayer for him always;
May all his people bless his Name
Throughout the length of days.**

**May his name be established while
The sun and moon endure;
May all the nations bless themselves
In him forevermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas
Chancel Choir and Asbury Ringers

Allen Pote

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

That Star!

Rev. Kyle

*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.*

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 219

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

No. 880

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God,

we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,

while denying it to others.

We have resisted your call

to be your voice in the world.

Forgive us, loving God.

Give us your righteousness,

the strength to put aside our failures,

and the courage to try again. Amen.

People of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of Jesus Christ, who has come among us.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray:
Hear us, God of light.

OFFERTORY

O Christ the True and Only Light

Helmut Walchu

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

~ 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

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasie on In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

* CONGREGATION STANDING

With gratitude and humility for the blessing of being the parents of Jocelyn, we offer these flowers to the glory of God and in honor of Jocelyn's birthday for the beautiful life she led and the gift she was to the world.
Jay and Beverly Casdorff

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 5

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Follow That Star Epiphany Celebration / Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Family Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Epiphany Service / Sanctuary

Monday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC
12:00 p.m. Hymns, Hotdogs, and Hamburgers / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
12:00 p.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Fast Track Adult Bible Study / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, January 9

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

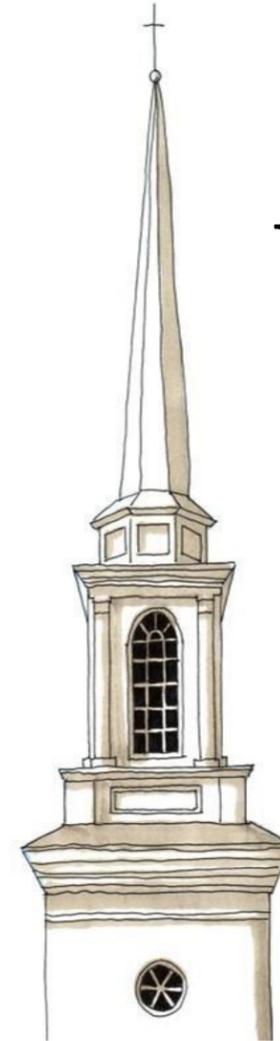
Friday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

FUMC Staff

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Epiphany Sunday
Twelfth Day Of Christmas
January 5, 2020
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.