

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Johann Walther

All Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSION OF LIGHT

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

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

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE 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.

* 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.**

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

Lloyd Larson

Guide Us to Thy Perfect Light

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

Thanks be to God.

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

The Light Has Come

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

God, wonderful counselor,

we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.

We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.

We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger;

we desire gifts that will not endure.

Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

and open us to receive the peace of Jesus

dwelling in and among us. Amen.

God's loving kindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done,

but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Johannes Brahms

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All persons who desire forgiveness of sins and renewal of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion will be shared by Intinction at three serving stations. At the direction of the ushers as the communicant comes forward, the bread will be placed in the hand and is dipped into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available at the center station. 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 Good Samaritan Fund to assist those in our community.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Houston
No. 248 *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* Personent Hodie

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 245 *The First Noel*

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Maxine Dunn
by the John McCutcheon Class. She was a charter member of the class.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 6

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
4:30 p.m. Follow That Star Epiphany Celebration / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Epiphany Service / Sanctuary

Monday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:30 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 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
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 9

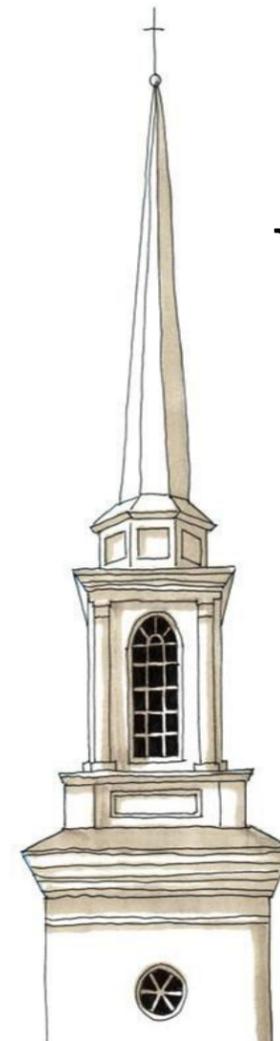
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Activities / Education Wing

Friday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. Kim Carey / Sanctuary and Piano
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2019
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.