

We Gather to Worship God

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. We celebrate today the magi’s adoration of the Christ child. The word and sacraments are to us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Carol of the Bells* Peter Wilhousky

* 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.
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.*

* THE HYMN OF LIGHT No. 254 *Kings of Orient*
We Three Kings

* 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.*

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

* 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 *Richmond*

*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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING NT Pg. 193
Ephesians 3:1-12

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

ANTHEM Lloyd Larson
Worship Christ, the Newborn King

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 NT Pg. 2

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
That Star!

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 *A New Reality* Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 219 *Greensleeves*
What Child Is This

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* No. 880

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.*

*All may exchange signs of peace.

OFFERTORY Johann Pachelbel
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

* 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 Good Samaritan Fund.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 245 *The First Noel* *The First Noel*
No. 2095 (TFWS) *Star Child* *Star Child*

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 187 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Go Tell it on The Mountain

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
Fantasia in D

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank Watts for his 89th birthday with love, his family



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.

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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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Serving This Sunday, January 7

Altar Guild: Libby Saville, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck, Lillie Gottier
Acolytes and Crucifer: Cooper Thomas, Nathan Nelson, Leighton Petkosvek
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Brian Stewart, Anna Barnhill
Bus Duty: Kent Bitting
Children's Church: Ben and Amanda Yenicek
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 7

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 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, January 10

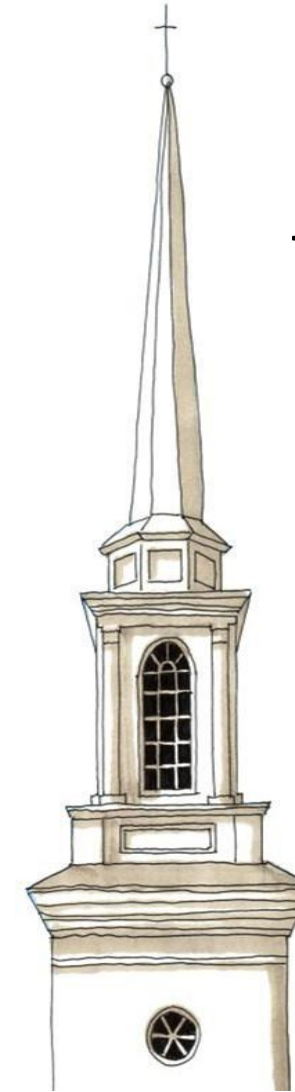
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Ladies Study "Discerning the Voice of God" / Room 216
6:15 p.m. "Down to Earth" Bible Study / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, January 12

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



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Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2018
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.