

First Church at Worship

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Hermann Schroeder
Fairest Lord Jesus

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

*In the beginning when God created
 A wind swept over the waters,
 A breath warmed the dark voids,
 A Spirit called forth creation.*

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 203 Ellacombe
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

THE PEACE

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

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT Pgs. 670-671
 Isaiah 42:1-9

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 29 Diademata

*Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe glory and might;
 Ascribe the glory due his Name, worship in holy light.
 God's voice is on the deep, His thunder rolls on high;
 The Lord is on the water-flood, God's voice a mighty cry.*

*Within God's temple all Cry "Glory!" and adore;
 the Lord sits throned above the flood as King for evermore.
 The Lord will give his strength to all his own, nor cease
 To give his people evermore the blessing of his peace.*

THE EPISTLE LESSON Acts 10:34-43 NT Pgs. 129-130

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

ANTHEM Bryan Leech
Spirit, Now Live in Me

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 NT Pg. 3

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

You Are Beloved

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 Invitation to Partnership Rev. Kyle Randle

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty. In Jesus Christ, his only Son. And in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to touch the water as a sign of refreshing.

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 605 Beach Spring
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER
*Lord in your mercy.
 Hear our prayer.*

OFFERTORY Johann Pachelbel
By Waterside in Babylon

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 157 Duke Street
Jesus Shall Reign

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Flor Peeters
Festival Voluntary

* CONGREGATION STANDING

Today's service comes from the United Methodist Book of Worship, copyright 1992

The altar flowers are given for the glory of God with much thanksgiving that we don't have to ride a camel through the desert to seek him!



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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.

Serving This Sunday, January 12

Altar Guild: Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
Acolytes and Crucifer: Erin Todd, Savannah Seremet, Alston Tew
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Hewitt and Jack McCutcheon
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Trustee Duty: Dawne Clonts, Johnny Vaught
Children's Church: Debby and Julia Brooks, Amy Hickman
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Will Chappell, Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, January 9

5:30 p.m. Conway Jr. Cotillion / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / Commons
7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA) / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor

Wednesday, January 11

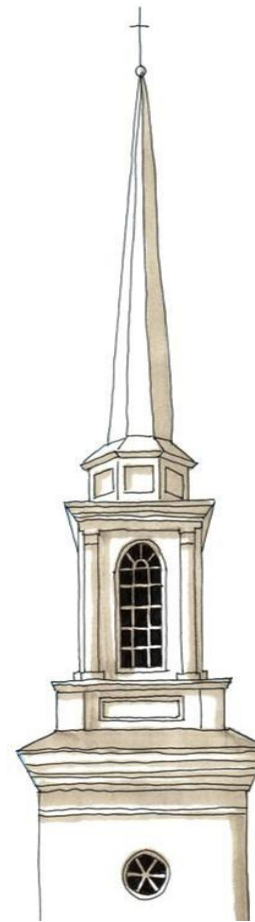
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
11:00 a.m. Clergy District Meeting / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, January 13

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2017
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.