

First Church at Worship

The Baptism of our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters...the rivers...fire.” On this day the heavens will open again for our sister churches, who celebrate with us as we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
“Wie Schön Leuchtet Der Morgenstern”

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

In the beginning was the word, and the Spirit moving over the face of the waters.
We rejoice in your new creation, O God, by your Spirit coursing through baptismal waters.
And God spoke—and God saw that it was good.
We gather to hear and follow your living Word, as your beloved children.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139 *Lobe den Herren*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan’s water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children who have been born of water and the Spirit, always faithful to him who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 OT Pg. 672

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

THE PSALTER No. 761 Charles Wesley
Psalm 29 with Response

THE EPISTLE LESSON Acts 8:14-17 NT Pg. 126

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* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT Pg. 60

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS “Jesus Is Baptized” Rev. Kyle

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

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 252 *Complainer*
“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

SERMON “Expectations” 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 us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon these waters.
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.

ANTHEM John Ylvisaker
“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”
The words of this anthem may be found on following page.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD’S PRAYER
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY Paul Bouman
Meditation on “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM arr. Sheldon Curry
“Down to the River to Pray”

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 608 *Azmon*
“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

* BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wayne Wold
“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

* CONGREGATION STANDING

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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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of our parents,
by Ernie and Peggy Turnes

Evening Service in the Hut
6:00 p.m.
Rev. Kyle Randle, speaker

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

" In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold "

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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.

Serving This Sunday, January 13

Altar Guild: Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
Crucifer and Acolytes: Caroline Todd, Samuel Hickman, Lila Myers
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon / Ike Locklair
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson
Trustee Duty: Lindsey Hendrick / Jill Nelson
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Danny Clonts, Kevin Cox, Eric Fox, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson,
Ken Senn, Tidy Singleton, Frank Watts, Chris Wright
Nursery Volunteers: Allison Dudley, Candace Baxter, Ali Thompson
Children's Church: Lynn Hammond

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating 2013	9,847.50	Operating 2012	3,483.00
Direct Deposit	800.00	Music Discretionary	100.00
Initial	46.00	Building Fund	4,000.00
Good Samaritan	15.00	Total	7,583.00
Missionary Fund	25.00		
Communion Offering	272.00	Sunday School	165
Building Fund	2,282.00	Morning Worship	209
Total	13,287.50	Follow That Star	63
		Wonderful Wednesday	86
		Food Offering for CAP	15

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 13

9:30 a.m. Children's Recorder Consort Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / Rm. 205
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC
6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, January 16

3:00-4:00 p.m. Gathering: Snacks, Homework, Playtime / Room 119
4:00-5:30 p.m. Learning/Crafts/Activities / Room 119
5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub & Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room 105
5:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15-7:00 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Activity Time / Room 119
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 122
7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105



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Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2013
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.