

# FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* OPENING DIALOGUE

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**Jesus emerges from the water.**

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

**We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139

*Lobe Den Herren*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### \* THE GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Lloyd Larson

*Child of Promise, Child of Blessing*

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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**Thanks be to God**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

*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

*Grace for Us*

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 cannot stop you, God!**

**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.**

*This Is the Spirit's Entry Now (vs. 2)*

No. 608

**Let water be the sacred sign that  
we must die each day, to rise again by  
his design as followers of his way.**

### 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.**

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

*Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters*

*Beach Spring*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Spirt Now Live in Me* Fred Bock

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 529 *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Pachelbel

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Gochenour Stiltner for her birthday on January 13<sup>th</sup> by husband Britt and sister Karlene.

**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 13**

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. High School, Middle School UMYF / Family Life Center (FLC)
- 5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / FLC

**Monday, January 14**

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

**Tuesday, January 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 11:00 p.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC Gathering Room
- 2:30p.m. Ivy Garden Club / 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 16**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
- 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 17**

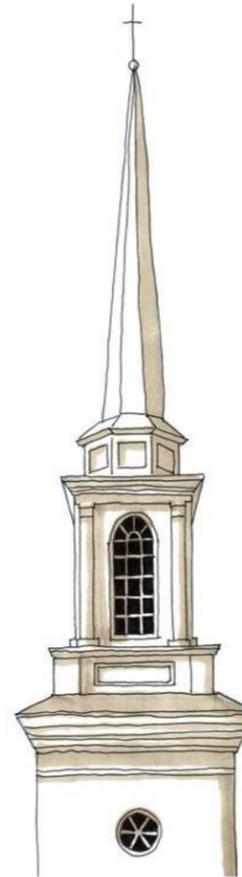
- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 2:30 p.m. Conway Area Master Gardner / FLC Room 101
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Activities / Education Wing

**Friday, January 18**

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

**Saturday, January 19**

- 4:00 p.m. Scott Sayre and Family / Fellowship Hall



# First United Methodist Church

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Baptism of the Lord  
January 13, 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.