

First Church at Worship

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. All the baptized have a calling in God's world. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Chime Choir

Stories of 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. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

* THE PEACE

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

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

OT Pg. 1

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 139

St. Anne

*Lord, you have searched me out and known
All that your hands have wrought;
My rising up and sitting down,
You know my every thought.*

*You trace my journeys and my rests,
And everything I do;
There is no word upon my lips
Which is not known to you.*

*Behind, before, you press on me
And on me lay your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful
For me to understand.*

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

NT Pg. 139

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ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

Carter

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11/John 1:43-51 NT Pgs. 34-35/92-93

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

Splashes! Drips! Drops!

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 Incidentals

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. 347

Spirit Song

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

OFFERTORY

By Waterside in Babylon

Johann Pachelbel

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

John Ness Beck

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2181 (TFWS)

We Need a Faith

Crimond

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on CWM Rhondda

Paul Manz

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given for the glory of God and in honor of Craig Hyman, loving husband, dad and Pop, for his birthday by Melinda Hyman and Woody, Katherine and Rowe Smith.



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 14

Altar Guild: Libby Saville, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck, Lillie Gottier
Acolytes and Crucifer: Laurel Edwards, Grady Hagen, Matthew Daly
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Brian Stewart, Anna Barnhill
Bus Duty: Delan Stevens
Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA) / Family Life Center (FLC)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-/Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, January 17

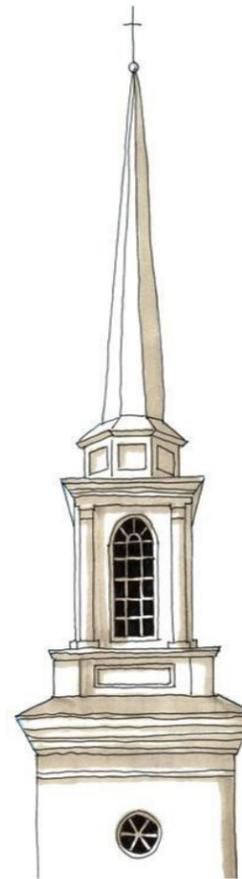
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
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 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

Friday, January 19

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Baptism of the Lord
January 14, 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.