

We Gather to Worship God

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ...the gate of heaven" (Gen 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY G. F. Handel
Andante (from **Organ Concerto No. 1**)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139 *Lobe Den Herren*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are individuals, and we are a community, called of God.
We gather to worship at God's bidding.
We are individuals and we are a community, called of God.
We gather to listen for God's fresh speaking of the Word.
We are individuals, and we are a community, called of God.
We gather in preparation of being sent to do God's bidding.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried,
 the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
 shall come
 to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, we know your voice calls us, and we should go. But often we listen instead to many other voices: the ones that say "Stay quiet," the ones that urge "Me alone," the ones that mock "You are not worthy." Forgive us the times that we stray. Give us ears to hear your voice above all others. Then grant us the courage to respond to that call. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

THE FIRST LESSON I Samuel 3:1-20 OT Pg. 247

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 139 *Land of Rest*

*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.*

*Then from your Spirit or your face,
 Where can I flee or go?
 In heaven above I find you there,
 And in the grave also.*

*If I should take the wings of dawn
 And reach the farthest sea,
 Yet even there your hand holds fast,
 Your right hand still leads me.*

*If I say, "Surely darkness hides,
 And light will turn to night."
 The darkness is not dark, to you
 Both day and night are bright.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 6:12-20 NT Pg. 169

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* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51 NT Pgs. 92-93

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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.

THE SERMON Tim Whitten

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*
Here I Am, Lord

~ ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD*** ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Bouree* Handel

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Know My Heart* Benjamin Harlan

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 128 *He Leadeth Me*
He Leadeth Me

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
Fugue in B minor

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and with thankfulness for His many blessings
 by Jim and Beccy Ward and Family.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, 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.

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.

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

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, January 18

Altar Guild: Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
Acolytes and Crucifer: Caroline and Erin Todd, Savannah Seremet
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon, Ike Locklair
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner
Trustee Duty: George Martin
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
Ushers: Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn,
Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 18

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. The Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King's Birthday
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, January 20

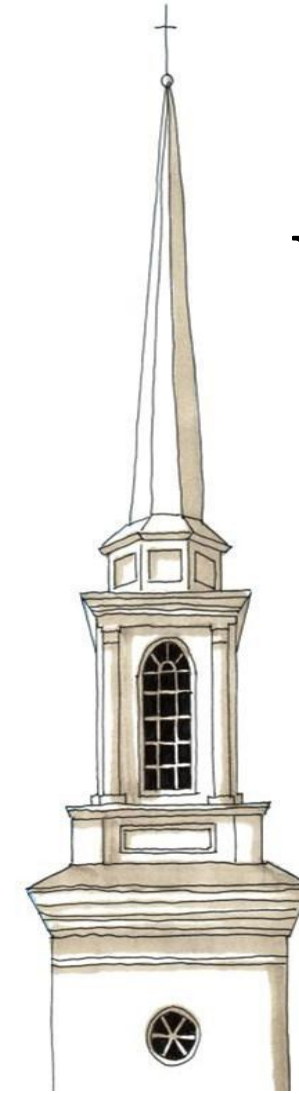
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, January 21

3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205
6:30 p.m. Animate Adult Bible Study / Rm. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, January 22

2:30 p.m. Cooking at the Shepherd's Table / TST
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2015
11:00 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.