

# We Gather to Worship God

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Nimrod* (from Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*St. Denio*

### \* OPENING DIALOGUE

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**God has called each of us  
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.

**It is God who claims us.**

The light of God's love shines in us.

**Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 40:5-10

*St. Peter*

**Great things, indeed, O Lord my God,  
Are they that you have done;  
How great your wonders and your plans;  
Who is like you? No one.**

**If only I could tell your deeds,  
But who can know them all?  
You ask no sacrifice or gift,  
But ears to hear your call.**

**Burnt offerings you have not required  
And therefore, for my part,  
I said, "I come to do your will;  
Your word is in my heart."**

**Your righteousness before your own  
I have been bold to show;  
Nor did I yet restrain my lips  
And that, O Lord, you know**

### THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### ANTHEM

Hal Hopson

*We Are Singing for the Light Is Our God*

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit

descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
Nursery provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

### SERMON

*Bearing Witness*

Rev. Kyle Randle

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2130

*The Summons*

*Kelvingrove*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostle's Creed*

No. 881

**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.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

*Meineke*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good,**

**but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**

**We have not been just in our dealings with others.**

**We have chosen revenge over mercy.**

**We have promoted ourselves**

**instead of walking humbly with you.**

**With what shall we come before you?**

**Forgive us our sin,**

**and show us your salvation**

**in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
 you have received the Spirit of God,  
 poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
 Receive the promise of baptism:  
 You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.  
 Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of heaven. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We pray:  
**Hear us, God of light.**

OFFERTORY J. S. Bach  
*Adagio e Spicatta (from Concerto in D minor)*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95  
 ~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 580 *Lancashire*  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Mathias  
*Fanfare*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
 in memory of Rev. Joe and Rae Daniels (parents of Janet Lawrence). The  
 Daniels were members of our church and missionaries to Indonesia,  
 by the Emma Thompson Class

**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 19**

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  
 4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211  
 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center

**Monday, January 20**

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

**Tuesday, January 21**

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102  
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 1:30 p.m. Garden Club / Hut Chapel  
 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 22**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing  
 3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing  
 3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
 4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211  
 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211  
 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
 6:15 p.m. Fast Track Adult Bible Study / Room 218  
 6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 216  
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, January 23**

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A Conway  
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

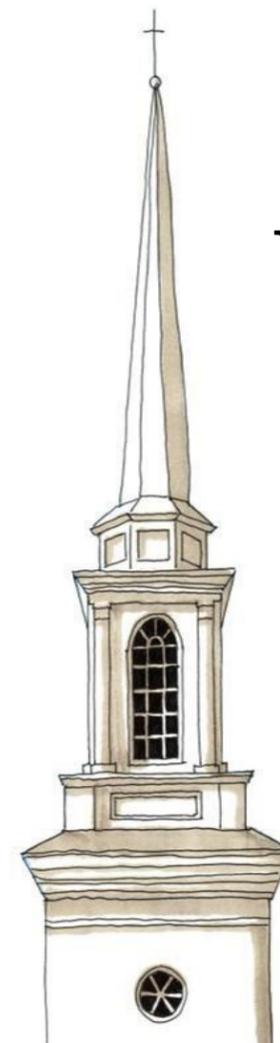
**Friday, January 24**

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

**FUMC Staff**

Reverend Kyle Randle, Pastor  
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
 January 19, 2020  
 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.