

We Gather to Worship God

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus, the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s mercy and grace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
Toccata in E minor

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545 Aurelia
The Church’s One Foundation

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
 That it is not we who chose Christ,
 but Christ who chose us,
 That we are not here because of our goodness
 but because of Christ’s grace,
 That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
 but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
 That we have not come to be entertained
 but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.*

* 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.*

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way
 to follow our own ways.
 Forgive us for the times
 we have spoken or acted too quickly;
 we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us;
 we have hurt those we have yet to know;
 we have thought more about ourselves than others;
 we have thought less of ourselves that we ought.
 Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
 so that we can live again as your children. Amen.*

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

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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.”

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4 OT. Pg. 638

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 27 Gift of Love

*One thing alone I ask of God:
 To dwell in his most holy place,
 To seek him in his sacred courts
 And see his beauty face to face.*

*For he, when times of trouble come,
 Shall hide me in his secret place
 And set me high upon a rock
 Above my foes and keep me safe.*

*He lifts my head above my foes,
 Therefore I make my offering;
 With sounds of gladness I will come,
 Make music to the Lord and sing.*

*Hearken, my Savior, when I call;
 Have mercy on me, answer me;
 You say, “Seek me,” within my heart;
 Your face will I seek constantly*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 1:10-18 NT Pg. 166

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ANTHEM Hal Hopson

We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light
 Ross Fallaw, djembe; Lee Hickman, string bass

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23 NT Pg. 3

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Going on an Adventure
 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 Rev. Kyle Randle

Follow Me

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 344 Pescador de Hombres
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Lord, in your mercy.
 Hear our Prayer.*

OFFERTORY G.F. Handel

Pastoral Symphony (from Messiah)

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 277 Stories of Jesus
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jacques Lemmens

Fanfare

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
 Ellis Christian Sayre for his 1st birthday, January 20,
 by his family.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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 22

Altar Guild: Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
Acolytes and Crucifer: Emily Thompkins, Ben Chanaca, Laurel Edwards
Counting Committee: (Monday) Danny Clonts
Trustee Duty: Dawne Clonts, Johnny Vaught
Children's Church: David & Ginger Jordan, William & Robin Hendrick
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Will Chappell, Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet / Family Life Center
10:30 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center

Monday, January 23

5:30 p.m. Conway Jr. Cotillion / Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA) / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Wednesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. 24/6 Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
6:30 p.m. Drawing All Things to Christ Adult Study / Room 224
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Sunshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, January 26

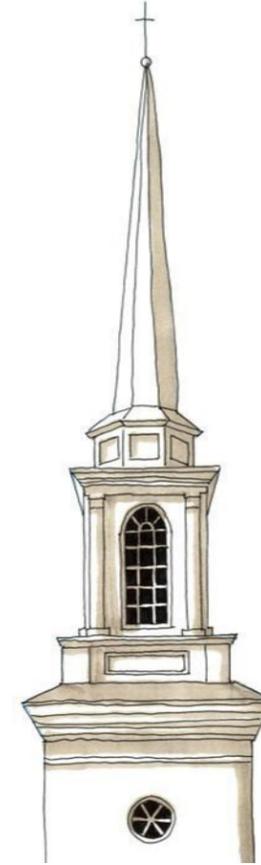
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

Friday, January 27

11:00 a.m. Hut Bible Class BBQ and Bake Sale / Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



The new **2017 Flower Calendar** is posted in the Narthex. Please take a moment to reserve dates that are important to you or your family. Altar Flowers are not a budgeted item. They are gifts to the church by those who graciously sign up. **Flowers for February are especially needed.**



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2017
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.