

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *If Thou Art Near* J. S. Bach
Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 568 *Italian Hymn*
Christ for the World We Sing

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!
God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,
To proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free.
Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM *Kindred Spirits* Kevin McChesney
Carillon Choir

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 19 *St. Anne*

**The heavens above declare God's praise,
The work his hands have made;
Day after day his power is shown,
And night by night displayed.**

**There is no utterance or speech,
No voice is ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound,
To every place their word.**

**Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun
From its appointed place,
And like a hero on his course
Rejoices in the race.**

**It runs from East to farthest West
To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath
Escapes its scorching heat.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts..
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ANTHEM *From all that Dwell Below the Skies* Gordon Yound

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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Thanks be to God

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 660

God Is Here
Vs. 1&4

Abbot's Leigh

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

First Impressions

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2126 (TFWS)

All Who Hunger

Holy Manna

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
Mighty and loving God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

** All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Land of Rest

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of my husband, Robert (Bob) E. Rice
by Helen Rice.

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 27

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. New Comers Meet and Greet / Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. High School, Middle School UMYF / Family Life Center (FLC)
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / FLC

Monday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

Tuesday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
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. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 30

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 31

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Children's Council Meeting / Commons

Friday, February 1

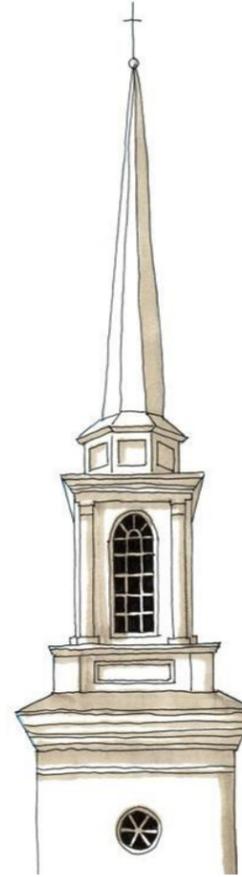
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Day Trip / Leaving the FLC
11:00 a.m. Birthday Celebration for Catherine Causey / Drop-in / FLC
5:00 p.m. Amy Hickman / FLC

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 27, 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.