

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury
Melody Bell Choir

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 144 *Terra Beata*
This Is My Father's World

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to
speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 71 *Morning Song*

**I find my refuge in you, Lord;
Let me not be dismayed;
But in your justice set me free;
Hear me, come to my aid.**

**Be my strong rock, my stronghold, crag,
My castle safe, secure;
Deliver me from wicked hands
And from the evildoer.**

**You are my confidence, Lord God,
My hope since I was young;
And from the womb, since I was born,
Your praise has been my song.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Steal Away* John Leavitt

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Kyle

*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 *Greatest Gift* Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* *St. Peter*

* 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

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* 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.

OFFERTORY *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Albert Peace
Janet Lawrence, *clarinet*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

No. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All persons who desire forgiveness of sins and renewal of faith are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion will be shared by Intinction at three serving stations. At the direction of the ushers as the communicant comes forward, the bread will be placed in the hand and is dipped into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available at the center station. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to Haiti Mission to assist those our Mission Team will be with in ministry.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson
Men of the Choir

COMMUNION HYMN No. 2228 *Ruddle*
Sacred the Body

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*
Here I Am, Lord

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of George Buzinkai
by Bill and Helen Schreiber.

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, February 3

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
11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl Soup Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Crismond Meeting / Commons
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Meeting / Sanctuary

Monday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Room 101

Tuesday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
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, February 6

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, February 7

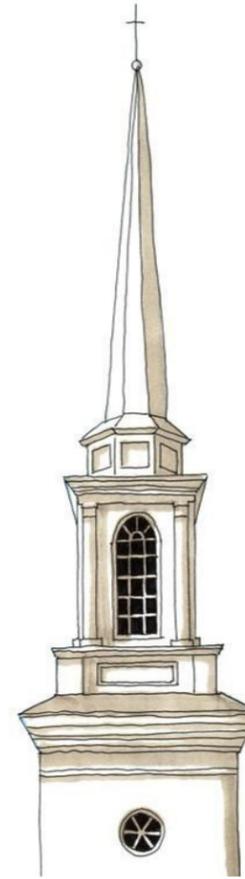
7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Youth Council Meeting / Commons

Friday, February 8

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

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 3, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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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.