

We Gather to Worship God

The season after the Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and ends today with the three disciples' vision of the transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Swiss Melody Bell Ensemble

Spiritual

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* 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

O Lord our God, king of the universe, we confess that as we approach Jesus' mount of transfiguration, that it is often difficult for us to recognize the deep things you want to convey to your people. Give us your divine knowledge to encourage us to seek the truth that you offer us on this mountain of transfiguration.

We also confess our need for the bountiful life that Peter, James, and John saw revealed in Jesus' meeting on this mountain with Moses and Elijah. Let us come down from the mountain to take up our cross and follow Jesus, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Christ loves you and gathers you in as Christ is our savior.

Thanks be to God! May we all be forgiven in the name of Christ. Amen.

* 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 2 Kings 2:1-12

OT Pgs. 332-333

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 50:1-6

Maryton

The Lord has spoken, God of gods,

He calls the earth from east to west;

From Zion, perfect in its grace,

He makes his glory manifest.

Our God will come with raging storm,

Consuming flame, and not be still;

He calls the heavens and earth to see

As now his people hear his will.

"Assemble all my followers

Who sealed the bond with sacrifice;"

For God the Lord himself is judge;

Let heaven declare his cause is right.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

NT Pg. 180

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ANTHEM

When Faith Steps In

Bob Butler, soloist

Anonymous

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

NT Pg. 44

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Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 349

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Lemmel

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

God's Beloved Children

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 D. Randle

The Real Thing

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 371

My Savior's Love

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Alleluia!

W. A. Mozart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Carlton Young

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 157

Duke Street

Jesus Shall Reign

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hallelujah!

Ludwig Van Beethoven

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our Children and Grandchildren
by Dick and Lois Sayre



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)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: GSM: George Martin
Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Lillian Sherry, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Mary T. Foxworth, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, February 15

Altar Guild: Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward, Churchill Jenkins, Margaret Thompson
Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Emily Thompkins, Savannah Seremet
Children's Church: Sallie Goldfinch
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Ike Locklair, Blake Martin (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner
Trustee Duty: Dawn Clonts
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Duc Watts (Co-Chairman) Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter/Grandmother/Granddaughter Tea / FLC
4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Celebration / Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, February 18

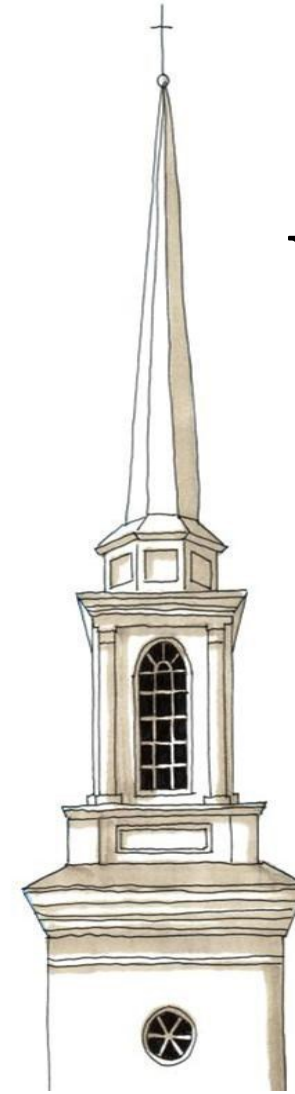
12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday / Hut Chapel
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, February 19

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC

Saturday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby / Fellowship Hall



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Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 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.