

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in A minor* J.S. Bach

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 555 *St. Gertrude*
Forward Through the Ages

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around God's Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *see insert*

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 119 *Duke Street*

**All those are blest who love God's law,
Whose way is blameless, without sin;
All who observe the Lord's decrees
And truly in their hearts seek him.**

**All those are blest who do no wrong,
But always walk in all God's ways;
All his commandments were laid down
To keep with care through all our days.**

**Assist me, Lord, that I may keep
Your statutes; make my pathways straight;
And I will not be shamed when
I Consider your commandments' weight.**

**An unfeigned heart will thank you, Lord,
When all your judgments have been learned;
Among your people I will keep
Your statutes; let me not be spurned.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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ANTHEM *We Choose to Be Rooted in Christ* Alfred Fedak

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-37

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 389

Freely, Freely

Freely, Freely

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 THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray:

Hear us, God of light.

OFFERTORY *Adagio (from Sonata in A minor)* Bach

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 568 *Italian Hymn*
Christ for the World We Sing

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Psalm XX Alexandre Guilmant

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
with all my love to my family,
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.

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This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 16

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 / Room 205
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 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. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, February 19

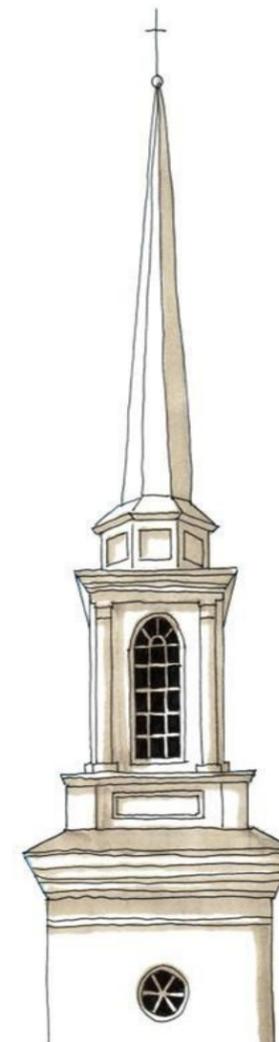
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell 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 224
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch / Leaving the FLC
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC 101
2:30 p.m. Master Gardener / FLC 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 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.