

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

Early American Melody

Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Hymn to Joy

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are we

when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Happy are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Happy are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Happy are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 1

Canonbury

**Happy are they who have not walked
With the ungodly of the land,
Not lingered in the sinners' way,
Nor sat with those who mock God's hand.**

**Happy are they who love the law
And find it in their chief delight;
They meditate continually
Upon his law both day and night.**

**Like fruitful trees by flowing streams,
With leaves that never fade or fall,
Are those who serve God day and night;
They find prosperity in all.**

**Then praise our God who knows so well
The way in which the righteous go;
The path which the ungodly walk
Shall perish; this God's people know.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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ANTHEM

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire

Moses Hogan

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ ‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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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

Whoa! Hold On!

Josh Tietje

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2155 (TFWS) *Blest Are They*

Blest Are They

* 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

* 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 ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
Men of the Choir

William Appling

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 733

Marching to Zion

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* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Maestoso (from **Water Music Suite**)

G. F. Handel

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Sallie Goldfinch for her birthday February 16th given with love, by her boys.

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 17

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
5:30 p.m. High School, Middle School UMYF / Family Life Center (FLC)
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / FLC

Monday, February 18

No Preschool / Holiday
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Ministries Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
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 20

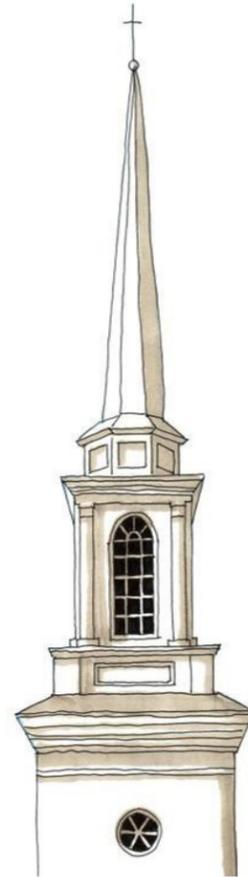
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 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 21

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
2:30 p.m. Conway Area Master Gardeners / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
7:00 p.m. Chrismons Meeting / Commons

Friday, January 25

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



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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 17, 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.