

We Gather to Worship God

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Ludwig Van Beethoven
 "Sonata No. 8 in C minor"
 Grace Hazar, *piano*

INTROIT

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 102 *Nun Danket*
 "Now Thank We All Our God"

* THE GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy. *Amen.*

Loving God, *here at Thanksgiving our thoughts are on all you have done for us. Yet we know that we need to think of things we have done. We know that at times our will is far from being aligned with yours. We have our own egos, our own agendas, our own desires—and too often we put all of this above all else. Forgive us. Help us to explore new ways of being your people, of living the lives you would have us live. Guide us on paths of peace and joy, and way from greed and anger. Give to all your people a renewed commitment to living as thanksgiving people. Always. Amen.*

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. *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."

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 131 *Kremser*
 "We Gather Together"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Sydney Stegall & Lila Myers

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM Bless This House Kurt Carr
 Jimmy Brown, *soloist*

"THANKS"

Today's Scripture Lessons and Message will be given by our youth.

T Proverbs 3:5-6 Mattie Hucks

H Leviticus 19:1-2 Will Bitting

A Deuteronomy 10:17-18 Erin Todd

N 1 Timothy 6:17-19

K 1 Samuel 2:2-3 Caroline Todd

S Ephesians 2:8-10

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 87 *Anniversary Song*

"What Gift Can We Bring"

During this time you are invited to come forward with your 2014 Commitment Card and place them on the Chancel Rail, pray for First UMC and give thanks to God.

* 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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Let us pray.
Have mercy, O God

OFFERTORY Louis Clerabault

"Trumpet in Dialogue"

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Camille Saint-Seans

"Rejoice the Lord Is King"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 707 *Promise*

"Promise"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Walton

"Coronation March"

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in celebration of 45 years of marriage for
 Charles and Sue Dusenbury.
 Thanks be to God!

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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)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
- 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.

Stewardship and Attendance

Operating	5,979.00	Sunday School	130
Hut Radio	15.00	Sunday Worship	209
CAP	10.00	Coffee Talk	7
UMCOR	930.00	Wonderful Wednesday	86
Music Discretionary	15.00		
Poinsettia	119.00		
Poinsettia Child	105.00	Help4Kids Items	56
Building Fund	647.00		
Total	7,820.00		

There will **not be** a Wednesday Evening Meal on November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. The meals will resume after the holiday on December 4.

Children's **Wonderful Wednesday will not meet** on November 27 but will resume following the holiday on December 4.

The **Church Office** will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 28 and 29) in observance of Thanksgiving!

Serving This Sunday, November 24

Altar Guild: Ashley Hood, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught
Acolytes and Crucifer: Graham Carter, Samuel Hickman, Evan Von Herrmann
Liturgist: Mattie Hucks, Jade Edwards, Caroline Todd, Sydney Stegall, Lila Myers
Counting Committee: (Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
Trustee Duty: Ernie Turnes
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Carl Purvis (Chairman), Mike Thomas (Co-Chairman) Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White, and UMYF
UMYF: Youth Sunday

Serving Next Sunday, December 1

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith
Acolytes and Crucifer: Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Samuel Hickman
Liturgist: Tim Whitten
Counting Committee: (Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
Trustee Duty: Kelly Cooper
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Hunter Jenkins (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Lavon Singleton, Ernie Turnes
Children's Church: Beccy Ward
No UMYF: Thanksgiving Break

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir rehearsal / Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, November 25

10:30 a.m. Coffee Talk / FLC Senior Room
 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, November 26

6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Wednesday, November 27

Wonderful Wednesday Resumes on December 4.

Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29

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Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 November 24, 2013
 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.