

# We Gather to Worship God

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day to strengthen our faith in the promises of God.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andreas Vetter  
*Come, Thou Savior of Our Race*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 196 Hyfrydol  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*As farmers wait for rainfall  
 As prisoners wait for freedom  
**We wait for the coming of God**  
 As exiles yearn for home  
 As peacemakers yearn for justice  
**We long for the coming of God**  
 As travelers search for shelter  
 As disciples look for answers  
**We prepare for the coming of 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

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Great and Holy One, in this time of waning daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people, and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.*

*Hear the good news: God comes to set you free. Take heart in the tender compassion of our God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven..*

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!***

## \* 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."

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 OT Pgs. 631-632

*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
 Thanks be to God.*

ACT OF PRAISE Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
 Advent Carol No. 211 Veni Emmanuel  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
stanza 1

Voice 1: *At the beginning there is a yearning  
 for the one who is coming..  
 O Emmanuel,  
 Wake us up to your coming.*

Voice 2: *We gather together to expect the unexpected  
 and imagine the unimaginable.  
 O Emmanuel,  
 Wake us up to your coming.*

Voice 1: *We wait for the day  
 when God will recycle tanks into tractors  
 and transform minefields into soccer fields.  
 O Emmanuel,  
 Wake us up to your coming.*

Voice 2: *We stay awake by telling stories  
 that offer a glimmer of a future  
 and agitate dormant hope within us.  
 O Emmanuel,  
 Wake us up to your coming.*

Voice 1: *Jesus, we welcome your presence now  
 with the lighting of this candle,  
 whose flame brings warmth to winter  
 and fills this place with the glow of hope.  
 Amen.*

Advent Carol No. 211 Veni Emmanuel  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
stanza 3

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 13:11-14 NT Pg. 162

*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
 Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Antonio Vivaldi  
*Come and Be Joyful*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 NT Pgs. 27-28

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 Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle  
*Beginnings and Endings*  
 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 *Justice and Judgment* Rev. Kyle Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 206 Houston  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Johann Pachelbel  
*All Men Are Living, but Mortal*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 569 Message  
*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Gordon Young  
*Toccata on Picardy*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernie's parents, Dorothy and Ernest Turnes, Sr. by Ernie and Peggy Turnes.



## NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

## 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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)  
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## Serving This Sunday, November 27

**Altar Guild:** Anne Roof, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Samuel Hickman, Jonas Randle, Ross Fallaw  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Hewitt and Jack McCutcheon  
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub  
**Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof, Mike Thomas  
**Bus Duty:** Blake Hewitt  
**Children's Church:** Charles and Ann Myers  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Carl Purvis (Chairman), Bill Foxworth, David Jordan, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Mike Thomas, Bob Wiley.

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, November 27

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  
4:00 p.m. Children's Rehearsal / FLC  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

### Monday, November 28

12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / First Baptist Church  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

### Tuesday, November 29

8:30 a.m. Crèche Festival Day Trip / Leaves FLC  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120  
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC  
7:30 p.m. CCU Holiday Concert / Sanctuary

### Wednesday, November 30

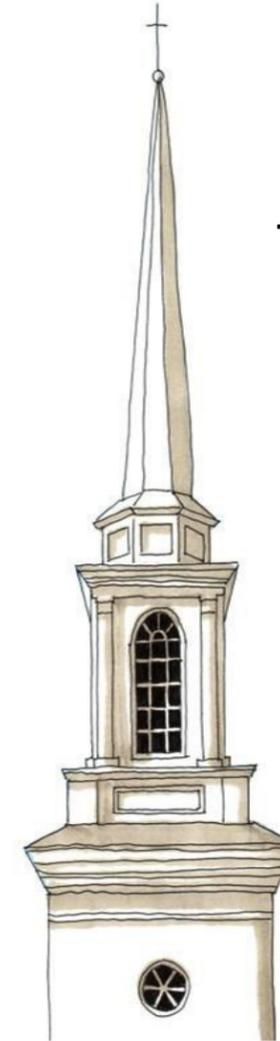
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC  
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

### Thursday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

### Friday, December 2

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016  
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.