

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andreas Nikolans Vetter

Savior of the Nations Come

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush, and gave unto him the law on Sinai.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O Dayspring, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

* THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

It is now time for you to wake from sleep;

the night is far spent; the light draws near.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Mike and Chrissy Merolle

THE RESPONSE

Trentham

Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM

My Lord What a Morning
Mark Rollins, soloist

Spiritual

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 25:3-9

Germany

**Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.**

**Remember your compassion, Lord,
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord;
He teaches sinners his way;
He guides the humble toward the right,
Instructs the lowly day by day.**

**The pathways of the Lord are love
And faithfulness to all his own
Who keep his covenant and all
The testimonies he made known.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 207

Prepare the Way

Prepare the Way of the Lord (sing 3x)

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all the people will see the salvation of our God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does

not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God

Hal Hopson

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
† your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

No. 881

**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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Picardy

Gordon Young

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Jim Mishoe and
in honor of the Mishoe Family
by Gwen Mishoe.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 28

Pick up your Family Advent Bags / Narthex and Commons

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM

9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building

10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, November 29

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Room 105

6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, November 30

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

8:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing

3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104

4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / 2nd Floor Commons

6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Gathering Area

6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Friday, December 3

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC Gathering Area

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

FUMC Staff

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FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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.