

First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on *Forest Green*
Carillon Choir

Robert Haan

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

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

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* THE HYMN No. 202

People, Look East
vs. 1 & 4

Besançon

* THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is now time for you to wake from sleep;

The night is far spent; the light draws near.

The Spirit and the church cry out:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE RESPONSE No. 692

Creator of the Stars of Night
vs. 1

Conditor Alme

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Christ, thou Savior of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 80:1-7

Hursley

**O Shepherd, like a flock you lead
Your people Israel; hear our prayer;
Enthroned upon the cherubim
In glory, shine on our despair.**

**Before Manasseh, Benjamin, And Ephraim,
Lord, grant us your grace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face.**

**How long will you be angered, Lord,
Although we kneel before your feet?
You give us bowls of tears to drink,
Provide us bread of tears to eat.**

**Our enemies laugh us to scorn,
Our neighbors witness our disgrace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the

testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 207

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the Way

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

Gustav Holst

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
 by God's endless grace
 your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
 free from all that holds you back
 and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
 May you be strengthened in God's love,
 † comforted by Christ's peace,
 and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
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.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYERS
 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 706 *Very Soon*
Soon and Very Soon

* 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 honor of our grandson,
 Andrew Prince, for his 22nd birthday,
 by Wink and Sallye Prince.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 29

8:15 a.m. Early Worship Service / Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 9:30 a.m. Elementary Sunday School / Education Building
 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center
 9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, November 30

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing

Tuesday, December 1

Giving Tuesday
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Rehearsal (School District Group B) Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall
 6:45 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC
 3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
 4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Evening Communion / Front Portico on 5th Ave.

Thursday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Day Tutoring / Education Wing
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Rehearsal (School District Group A) / Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Gathering Area

Friday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC
 6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Masks are required when inside church buildings.

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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.