

We Gather to Worship God

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist plea for God to awaken his power and come to save us is echoed in Isaiah's call for God to rip the heaven's open. Both cry out for God to show up, to save, and to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelsshon
Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, wipe the slate clean. Advent begins!
Let us offer our praises and prayers with song and celebration!
Our long time of waiting is past—God's promises are renewed!
Let us prepare for the day when all shall recognize that Jesus reigns, and will reign forevermore!

* 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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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* 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."

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The David Jordan Family

ADVENT RESPONSE No. 211 *Veni Emmanuel*
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Stanza 1

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

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9 OT Pgs. 694-695
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 80:1-7 *Canonbury*
*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 NT Pg. 166
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God* Hal Hopson

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37 NT Pgs. 50-51
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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
Advent

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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle
A Fresh Start

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY G. F. Handel
Pastoral Symphony (from Messiah)

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 202 *Besançon*
People Look East

* 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.
The Emma Thompson Class would like to honor and thank our church staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year that have made our church a wonderful place to worship God.

In Memoriam

Reverend Joe Daniels
1926-2014

A Service of Death and Resurrection
was held on November 26.



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 WORSHIPING 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)
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- 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.

Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Nancy Stiltner, Jean Timbes, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Mary T. Foxworth, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, November 30, 2014

Altar Guild: Anne Roof, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught
Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Emily Thompkins, Sydney Stegall
Counting Committee: (Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch
 (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson
Trustee Duty: Ernie Turns, Justin Roof
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
Children's Church: Debby and Julia Brooks
Ushers: Carl Purvis (Chairman), Mike Thomas (Co-Chairman), Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White

This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 30

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
 10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bell Ensemble Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Service / The Hut Chapel
 6:00 p.m. CCU Dress Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Monday, December 1

12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / First Baptist / Rev. Kyle Speaking
 7:00 p.m. CCU Holiday Concert / Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC
 7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC

Tuesday, December 2

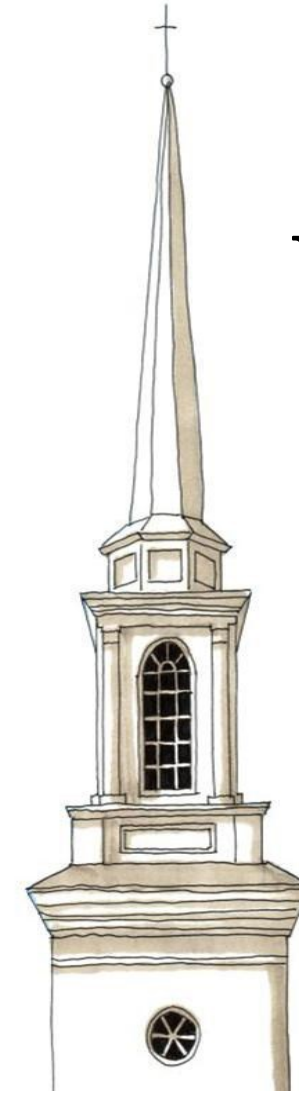
8:30 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
 10:00 a.m. Burroughs / Collins Circle / FLC
 2:00 p.m. United Daughters of the Confederacy / FLC
 7:00 p.m. NA / FLC

Wednesday, December 3

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
 5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal / Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Rm. 216
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, December 4

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC Senior Room
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC



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First Sunday of Advent
 November 30, 2014
 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.