

We Gather to Worship God

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! Today we are being challenged to wake from our sleep, for we know neither the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this morning through our worship strengthening our faith in the promises of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andreas Vetter
 "Come Thou Savior of Our Race"

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* THE GREETING

Today begins the holy season of Advent.

Lord, we come asking you to help us focus our attention on the things that really matter.

Today begins a holy time of preparation.

Lord, we come away from the distractions of commercials, lists, and a world that seems to have forgotten the reason for the season.

Today offers us a new opportunity to remember how truly special you thought we were. You gave us the most precious gift anyone could imagine.

Lord, we come to your house to remember, to re-commit, and to offer our thanks for the gift of your Son for our salvation.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH No. 211 Veni Emmanuel
 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

stanza 1 (sung before the lighting); stanza 3 sung after the lighting

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

Great and Holy One, *in the time of waning light, we confess the shadows of our 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*

In Jesus Christ, God comes to set you free. **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."

~ 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.

THE PSALTER Psalm 122 Truro

*Jerusalem: with what great joy
 I heard them say, "Let us go there!"
 And now at last we take our stand
 Within her gates to make our prayer.*

*Jerusalem: a city built
 To be a place of unity;
 The tribes go up, the tribes of God,
 To praise God's name eternally.*

*Jerusalem: within your walls
 The thrones of justice serve God's will;
 The ancient thrones of David's house
 Stand and unite God's people still.*

*Jerusalem: pray for her peace:
 "May all who love you find success;
 Peace be to all within your walls
 And in your tower be quietness."*

*Jerusalem: for comrades' sake
 My prayers for you will never cease;
 Because God's house is standing here,
 I pray forever for your peace.*

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

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ANTHEM "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Gustave Holst

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

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
 "Getting Ready"

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle
 "Welcome Back Matthew"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 202 Besançon
 "People, Look East"

* 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 Meineke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY "Creator of the Stars of Night" Marcel Dupre

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

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Toccata on Picardy" Gordon Young

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

Reminder

Our stewardship prayers begins today.

50 days of Prayer for FUMC.

Please see Beccy Ward for more information.

In Memoriam

Carlton Genair Hutchinson

January 9, 1925 - November 22, 2013

A service of Death and Resurrection was celebrated on
 November 25, at First United Methodist Church.



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@fumcconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumcconway.org (Dir. of Music)
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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Stewardship and Attendance

Operating	9,518.00	Sunday Worship	223
Good Samaritan	25.00	Coffee Talk	7
Greenery	125.00		
CAP	25.00	CAP Items	12
Epworth	25.00		
Playground	100.00		
Bikes / Fostering Hope	50.00		
UMCOR	835.00		
Music Discretionary	20.00		
Poinsettias	102.00		
Poinsettia Child	337.00		
Children Discretionary	5.00		
Building Fund	994.00		
Total	12,161.00		

Serving This Sunday, December 1

- Altar Guild:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Ross Fallaw, John Kelly Thompkins, Caroline Todd
- 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

Serving Next Sunday, December 8

- Altar Guild:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Erin Todd
- Liturgist:** Tim Whitten
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- Children's Church:** Sammy and Debbie Johnson
- UMYF:** Family Game Night

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 1

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert: Brass Quintet / Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

- 10:30 a.m. "Coffee Talk" Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room
- 12:00 p.m. First Advent Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. "Loving God, Loving People" Missions Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC

Tuesday, December 3

- 12:00 p.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle Meeting & Lunch / Dilly Beans
- 7:30 p.m. Coastal Caroline Choral Holiday Concert / Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 4

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / Education Wing
- 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
- 4:00 p.m. W.W. Activities / Education Wing & FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 211
- 6:30 p.m. "Walking the Road to Bethlehem" Study / McCutcheon Class
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, December 5

- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Christmas Party / FLC



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First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2013
 11:00 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Stir up our hearts, we beseech you, to prepare ourselves to receive your Son. When he comes and knocks, may he find us not sleeping in sin, but awake to righteousness, ceaselessly rejoicing in his love. May our hearts and minds be so purified, that we may be ready to receive his promise of eternal life.

The Gelasian Sacramentary, c. 500
 The prayer is from what is possibly the oldest prayer book of the Western church