

First Church at Worship

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the readings for the next four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andreas Nikolaus Vetter
 “Come, Thou Savior of Our Race”

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 211 Veni Emmanuel
 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
 Stanzas 1-4

* 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call the nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light this first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

HYMN OF LIGHTING No. 202 Besançon
 People Look East (stanza 1)

MORNING PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MISSION MINUTE

Toby White

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

OT Pg. 738

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

THE PSALTER No. 756

Richard Proulx

Psalm 25:1-10 with Response 2

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

NT Pg. 204

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Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:25-36

NT Pgs. 85-86

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CHILDREN’S MOMENTS “Waiting!”

Rev. Kyle

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 “Almost, but Not Yet”

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Beryl Red

“In Remembrance of Me”



1. In re - mem-brance of me, eat this bread. — In re -
 (2. In re -) mem-brance of me, heal the sick. — In re -
 (3. In re -) mem-brance of me, search for truth. — In re -

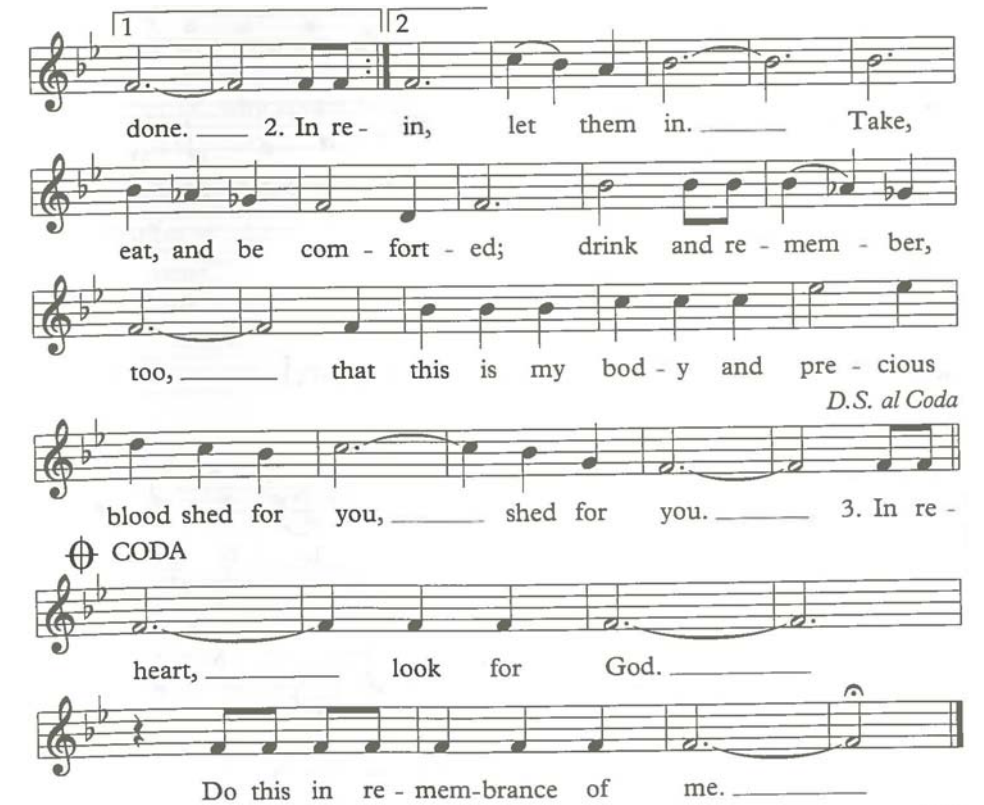


mem-brance of me, drink this wine. — In re-mem-brance of
 mem-brance of me, feed the poor. — In re-mem-brance of
 mem-brance of me, al-ways love. — In re-mem-brance of

Third time to Coda ⊕



me, pray for the time when God’s own will is
 me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors
 me, don’t look a - bove, but in your



You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
 Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

OFFERTORY “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hermann Schroeder

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Camille Saint-Saens
 “Rejoice the Lord is King”

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

Taking the Bread and Cup
 The Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord’s Prayer
 Giving the Bread and Cup

This morning Communion will be received at the Chancel Rail.
 The Communion Offering, left at the chancel rail, will be used in support of
 CAP-Churches Assisting People.

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 213 Truro
 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Benedetto Marcello
 “The Heaven’s Declare the Glory of God”

* CONGREGATION STANDING.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Evening Service in the Hut
6:00 p.m.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Gloria Patri, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

In Memoriam

William E. Parker, Sr.
February 3, 1931-November 24, 2012



Christian sympathy is given to the family and friends of William E. "Bill" Parker, Sr. who passed away on Saturday, November 24 at his residence.



Congratulations to Gary and June Stahley on their recent marriage!

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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.

Serving This Sunday, December 2

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith

Crucifer and Acolytes: Graham Carter, Jacob Johnson, Collin Hucks

Counting Committee: (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / 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

Nursery Volunteers: Cathy Senn, Elizabeth Senn, Ali Thompson

Children's Church: UMYF

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	5,397.58	Sunday School	120
Epworth	100.00	Morning Worship	159
Music Discretionary	639.92	Evening Service	30
Poinsettia	50.00	CCU Choral Performance	400+
Poinsettia Child	218.00	Wonderful Wednesday	113
UM Student Day	25.00		
Building Fund	1,122.00		
Total	7,552.50		

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 2

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Recorder Consort Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / Rm. 205
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Orchestra / Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Concert / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner and Advent Wreaths / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, December 3

- 12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / St. Paul's
- 6:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / Solano's Trattoria Restaurant

Tuesday, December 4

- 12:00 p.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / Chloe's Restaurant

Wednesday, December 5

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Parlor
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Gathering: Snacks, Homework, Playtime / Room 119
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Learning/Crafts/Activities / Room 119
- 4:30- 5:30 p.m. Musical Rehearsal / FLC
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Activity Time / Room 119
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Advent Study / Room 205
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC-Senior Room
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, December 6

- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert/ The Hut

Saturday, December 8

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa / Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Gloria / Sanctuary



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First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2012

11:00 a.m.

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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.