

# We Gather to Worship God

*Stir up your power, and come! Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open—to come, save, and restore humanity. Even as Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, we can share the hope that God will come among us.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Stuart Hine  
*How Great Thou Art*  
 Voices in Bronze

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

The light that shines in the darkness of the Church represents the light of Jesus Christ shining in our dark world. That light dispels the darkness, but not without showing up the dark places of our world, and of our lives. The light of Christ sees us as we are; it judges all, but it is also the illumination and the warmth, the guiding light, which leads us from darkness into light.

The Advent Procession is punctuated by the O Antiphons, ancient phrases, drawn from scripture. With one exception, all refer specifically to Jesus, who is regarded – by Christians – as the fulfilment of Jewish expectation and Old Testament prophecy.

The congregation is invited to join in singing this *Refrain* after each antiphon: *Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY No. 196 Hyfrydol  
*Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus*

## \* OPENING DIALOGUE

*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
***Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!***  
*I will hear what the Lord God has to say—*  
***A voice that speaks for peace.***  
*Peace for all faithful people.*  
***And those who turn to him in their hearts.***  
*God's help is near for those who fear him,*  
***that his glory may dwell in our land.***  
*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
***Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. But in these last days, your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him in his many forms, and to receive him as our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

## ~ 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.***

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 NT Pg. 166

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***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM Come and Be Joyful Antonio Vivaldi

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37 NT Pgs. 50-51

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***Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Josh

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.

SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

*With Great Power and Glory!*

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 207 Prepare the Way

*Prepare the Way of the Lord (Sing 5x)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Let us prepare the way of the lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.*

*God of all time, we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.*

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.*  
***And also with you.***

\*All may exchange signs of peace.

OFFERTORY *Savior of the Nations Come* Andreas Vetter

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

\*Taking the Bread and Cup

\*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to The Christmas Project.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* *Picardy*  
 No. 635 *Because Thou Hast Said* *Paderborn*

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

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

## \* 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.

A rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of  
 Mary Hendrick Altman!

Congratulations to proud parents, Kent and Lindsey,  
 big brother Andersen; grandparents, Andy and Judy Hendrick,  
 and uncle, Neal Hendrick.



## NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

## WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

### We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

### Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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:

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Josh.Tietje@fumconway.org (Dir. Of Christian Ed.)

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### Prayer Concerns

**CMC:** George Kyzer, Irby Koon

**Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Anderson Oaks:** Mary T. Foxworth;

**Brookdale:** Bobbie Davis, Harriet Edwards; **Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Mt.**

**Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield

**At Home:** Savannah Seremet, Lois Vaught, Nancy Stiltner, Beccy Ward, JoAnn Wiegand, Lois Sechriest, David Reimschuessel, Julia Land, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Rebecca Howell, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

### Serving This Sunday, December 3

**Altar Guild:** Libby McCutcheon, Paula Mytko, Lil Sherry, Sylvia Richardson

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Colin Hucks, Caroline Daly, Margaret Staub

**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

**Trustee Duty:** Tyler Thomas, Brian Stewart

**Bus Duty:** Blake Martin

**Children's Church:** Daniel Hunnicutt

**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

**Ushers:** Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper,

Zack Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Hunter Jenkins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Tyler Thomas.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. "Faithful" Bible Study / Family Life Center Senior Room (FLC)  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal and Lunch / FLC and Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert / The Hut Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Goldfinch Service of Remembrance / Hillcrest Cemetery  
5:30 p.m. UMYF and the Bridge Ministries / FLC

#### Monday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC  
12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / First UMC Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

#### Tuesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213  
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC  
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

#### Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Organ Tuning / Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC  
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. "Down to Earth" Bible Study / Room. 217  
6:15 p.m. "Kingdom Woman" Ladies Bible Study / Room 216  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

#### Thursday, December 7

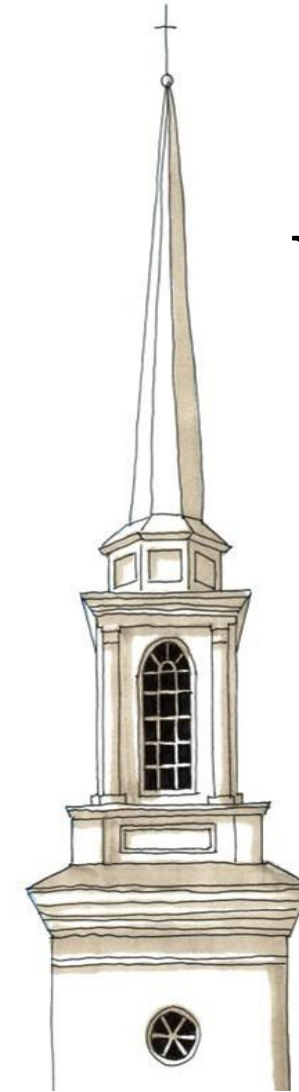
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze Performs / Downtown Conway

#### Friday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

#### Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Breakfast With Santa / Fellowship Hall



# First United Methodist Church

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First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017  
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.