

First Church at Worship

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the Baptist's voice in the wilderness may be the main focus of today, Malachi's prophecy also heralds the coming of the Lord Jesus. As a community of baptized, we are invited to participate in the sharing of the gospel by preparing the way for the coming of the Lord.

GATHER IN SILENCE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, we stand at the entrance of the church and at the doorway of the Christian year on this second Sunday of Advent. Let us prepare our hearts and minds as portals for Christ to enter.

THE LITANY OF THE GREENS

In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

With what shall we come to God's house?

Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. The garlands and wreaths will be a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and redeemer.

We remember God's everlasting promise to the poor and needy that God's loving action to save and provide for his people with these trees.

These symbols and signs of Christ—ruler, prophet, priest. Stars, crosses, triangles remind us of his identity, his story.

Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we will rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and shining morning star.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM see insert

*Emma Grace Norris,
 daughter of Eric and Jenna Norris*

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

THE FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 OT Pgs. 889-890

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

ACT OF PRAISE *Canticle of Zechariah*
 Molly Fay, soprano; Justin Hall, baritone

ANTHEM G. F. Handel

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-6 NT Pg. 60

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Directions!

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 D. Randle

The Real Deal

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 196 *Hyfrydol*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

OFFERTORY Gerard Near

Savior of the Nations Come

* 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

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 Christmas Project.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Saving Victim* Roland Martin

COMMUNION HYMNS
 No. 629 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* *Gift of Finest Wheat*
 No. 640 *Take Our Bread* *Take Our Bread*

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 220 *Regent Square*
Angels from the Realms of Glory

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore Dubois
Chaconne

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Kay Ramsey Thompkins
 by the Johnny Vaught Family.



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.

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 6

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Paula Mytko, Lilian Sherry, Sylvia Richardson

Acolytes and Crucifer: Colin Hucks, Ben Chanaca, Jonas Randle

Greeters: Billy and Libby Jones

Counting Committee: (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Karlene Rudolph, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Mike Thomas

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Bus Duty: Mike Saville

Ushers: Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Jimmy Hammond (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room 105
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class / Room 219
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. Conway Alive: Tour of Homes Registration / FLC
 4:15 p.m. King's Singers / Choir Room 105
 5:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Concert / The Hut Chapel
 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, December 7

12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / Kingston Presbyterian Church
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC
 7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
 3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:00 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, December 10

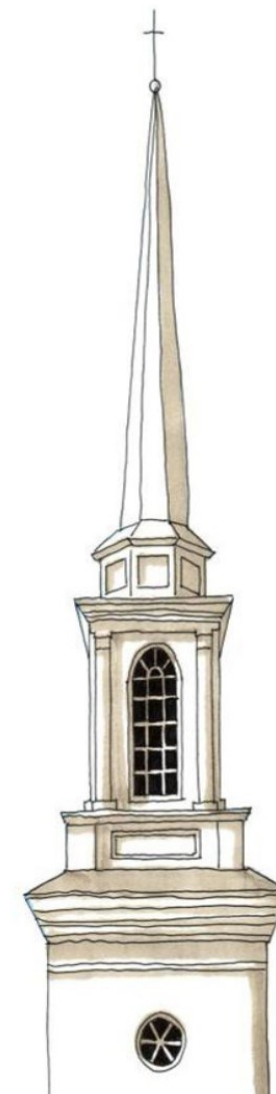
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC Senior Room
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, December 10

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Breakfast With Santa / Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. UMW Goodies on Parade / Hut Chapel Courtyard
 10:00 a.m. Conway Christmas Parade / Main Street



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Second Sunday of Advent
 Hanging of the Greens
 December 6, 2015
 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.

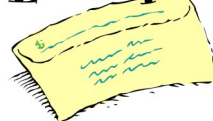
Stewardship and Attendance for the week of November 29			
Operating	7,618.01	Sunday School	147
General Scholarship	40.00	Worship	196
Haiti Mission	150.00	Advent Concert	50
Advent Concerts	500.00	Wonderful Wednesday	114
Poinsettia Lily	303.00		
Poinsettia Child	254.00		
Building Fund	360.00		
Capital Campaign	772.00		
Total	9,997.01		



We encourage you to make use of our online giving option especially during the summer travel season. Please scan the QR code with any smart phone or iPhone to navigate to the *secure* ACS account for FUMC and make your donation. You may also visit the website at: www.fumcconway.org and follow the "online giving" link to make a

Offering Envelopes for 2016 will be ready for pick-up beginning December 6 in the Commons area. There will be extras for those who have not previously received or used them and would like to have them. Also please stop by and let us know if you no longer need envelopes because of auto-draft.
 Britt and Nancy Stiltner

Offering Envelopes



Prayer Concerns

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

At Home: Jeannie Dusenbury, Ross Edwards, Sue Dusenbury, Don and Bonita Smoak, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Joey Jones.