

# We Gather to Worship God

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder our lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. In Isaiah we hear this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \* 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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 211 *Veni Emmanuel*  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Stanzas 1-4

## 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. In acts of hanging greens and listening to with words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.***

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Travis Dannelly Family*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## GARLANDS AND WREATHS

*How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and redeemer?*

***Through garlands and wreaths.***

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 OT Pg. 667

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

THE HYMN No. 207 *Prepare the Way*  
*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Kyle  
All children are invited to the front to gather around the Chrismon Tree with Rev. Kyle. Following the Blessing of the trees and Chrismons, children ages 3 to 1st grade may go to Children's Church in room 123. Nurseries are provided to infants through 3 years in rooms 118 and 120.

## BLESSING THE CHRISMON TREES

*God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion. With these trees we remember God's everlasting promise to the poor and needy that God's loving action to save and provide for his people.*

## THE CHRISMONS

*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.*

***These symbols and signs of Christ—ruler, prophet, priest. Stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega" remind us of his identity, his story, and of the holy Trinity.***

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 3:8-15a NT Pg. 238

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\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 NT Pg. 34

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THE HOMILY Rev. Kyle Randle  
*It's a Jungle in Here*

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

No. 13

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

This morning Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction. The ushers will direct worshippers towards the Chancel Rail to kneel and receive the elements. Please commune and pray until you are led to return to your seat. Any offering left this morning will go in support of the Good Samaritan Fund, which supports emergency needs within the church and community.

COMMUNION ANTHEM G.F. Handel  
*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God*

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 567 *National Hymn*

*Heralds of Christ*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore DuBois

*Chaconne*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

## 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 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.

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)
- Billy.Fallow@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
- 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.

Serving This Sunday, December 7

- Altar Guild:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Paula Mytko, Betty Smith, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry,
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jacob Johnson, Alex and Evan Von Herrmann
- Liturgist:** Tim Whitten
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) William Goldfinch, Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
- Trustee Duty:** Mike Thomas
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
- Ushers:** Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Hunter Jenkins (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zach Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Ernie Turnes
- Children's Church:** William and Robin Hardwick
- UMYF:** Meal & Shopping for a foster child.

This Week at FUMC

- Sunday, December 7**
  - 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
  - 12:15 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room
  - 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert / Hut Chapel
  - 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC / then Shopping
- Monday, December 8**
  - 12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon Hosted by FUMC / Fellowship Hall
  - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC
- Tuesday, December 9**
  - 8:00 a.m. People's Underwriters Meeting / FLC
  - 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC
  - 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC
- Wednesday, December 10**
  - 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
  - 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
  - 4:00 p.m. W.W. Activities / FLC
  - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
  - 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205
  - 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study / Fellowship Hall
  - 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105
- Thursday, December 11**
  - 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
- Saturday, December 13**
  - 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa / Fellowship Hall
  - 9:30 a.m. UMW's Goodies on Parade / Yard Area by the Hut Chapel
  - 10:00 a.m. Conway Parade / Main Street
  - 1:00 p.m. John McCutcheon Class Christmas Party / FLC



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Second Sunday of Advent  
 December 7, 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.

**Stewardship and Attendance**

<b>Operating</b>	<b>7,491.78</b>	Sunday School	121
Haiti Mission Trip	675.00	Morning Worship	167
CAP	25.00	Advent Concert	63
Epworth	25.00	CCU Concert	450
Music Discretionary	100.00	Wonderful Wednesday	90
Poinsettia	102.00		
Poinsettia Child	34.00		
Building Fund	235.00		
Capital Campaign	987.00		
Total	9,674.78		

**2014 Stewardship**

2014 Operating Budget	488,267.92
Received to Date	414,930.72
Percent Received to Date	84.9%

We Encourage you to join us in reaching our Budget for 2014!