

We Gather to Worship God

At the heart of our Advent preparations stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians, he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait for the day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Felix Medelsohn
 "Sleepers Wake, A Voice is Calling"

* 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. 203 Ellacombe
 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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 the 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 a second birth.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH No. 211 Veni Emmanuel
 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
 stanza. 1 (sung before the lighting); stanza. 6 (sung after the lighting)

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 Hosea 14:4,8-9 OT Pg. 845

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

THE HYMN No. 206 Houston
 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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 PSALTER Psalm 72:1-8 Christmas

*Send us, O God, the King whose reign
 Will make your justice known;
 Let him deal fairly with your land,
 The poor, and all of your own.
 The poor, and all of your own.*

*Let every mountain, every hill,
 Bring righteousness and peace;
 Let him defend the needy poor,
 Make all oppression cease.
 Make all oppression cease.*

*So long as sun and moon endure
 Let him, O Lord, remain;
 Let him come down as showers, Lord,
 And as refreshing rain.
 And as refreshing rain.*

*Let peace and righteousness increase
 Till moons shall be no more,
 And let him have dominion, Lord,
 And reign from shore to shore.
 And reign from shore to shore.*

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 Revelation 22:12-14, 17 NT Pgs. 260-261

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THE ANTHEM David McKay

"I Wonder as I Wander"

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 NT Pgs. 2-3

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

"Light in the Darkness"

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.

THE HOMILY Rev. Kyle Randle
 "Turning Towards Hope"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond
 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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 UMCOR.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Pepper Choplin

"Within These Walls"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 246 Antioch

"Joy to the World"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore DuBois

"Chaconne"

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in celebration of Griffin Yenicek's third birthday
 by his momma and daddy.



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)
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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 | | | |
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| Operating | 9,045.00 | Sunday School | 124 |
| Christmas Project | 275.00 | Sunday Worship | 193 |
| Greenery | 25.00 | Coffee Talk | 7 |
| UMCOR | 25.00 | CCU Concert | 408 |
| Music Discretionary | 20.00 | Wonderful Wednesday | 80 |
| Poinsettias | 170.00 | | |
| Poinsettia Child | 260.00 | CAP Items | 6 |
| Building Fund | 1,702.00 | Vienna's | 6 |
| Total | 11,522.00 | | |

Serving This Sunday, December 8

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson
Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith
Acolytes and Crucifer: John Kelly Thompkins, Ross Fallaw, Samuel Hickman
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: Sammy and Debbie Johnson
UMYF: Family Game Night

Serving Next Sunday, December 15

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson
Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith
Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex & Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman
Liturgist: Tim Whitten
Counting Committee: (Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch
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Children's Church: Debby and Julia Brooks
UMYF: Christmas Party / Meet at the Randle's Home

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 8
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
4:00 p.m. Family Ornaments
5:00 p.m. Advent Concert: Woodwind Quintet / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, December 9
10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, December 11
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. Advent Bible Study / McCutcheon Classroom
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Friday, December 13
6:00 p.m. Hut Bible Class Christmas Party / FLC

Saturday, December 14
1:00 p.m. John McCutcheon Class Christmas Party / FLC



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013
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.