

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

Come, O Wisdom, breathe within us. O mighty tender Teacher; come, and show us how to live.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O Lord, of ancient Israel. You who lead us through the desert; come, and set your people free.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Come, O Root of Jesse's lineage. Ruler of all nations; come and be our Savior sure.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O Holy Key of David. Open our hearts to knowledge and break the chains of death.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O Radiant Sun of Justice. Shine on those in darkness and all who dwell in shades of death.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O Light of all the nations. Bright Morning Star of new hope; come and shine among us here.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, O Living Flame of Freedom. Living hope of our redemption; come and lead us to new life.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

* OPENING DIALOGUE

The Spirit and the church cry out:

Come, Lord Jesus.

All those who await his appearance pray:

Come, Lord Jesus.

The whole creation pleads:

Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of you only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Luke 1:68-79

Gift of Love

Blessed be Israel's Lord and God,
For he has come and freed his own;
He sent a mighty savior born
Of David's house and for his throne.

He promised through his prophets once
To save us from our foes' intent;
He promised to show mercy and
Recall his holy covenant.

He swore this oath to Abraham,
To set us free from hostile might;
To worship him, free from all fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight.

And you, my child, shall now be called
The prophet to prepare his way,
To teach salvation to his own
By putting all their sins away.

In the compassion of our God
The heavenly dawn shall bring release,
to shine on those who dwell in fear
And guide us in the way of peace.

ANTHEM

Sing and Rejoice
King's Singers

Jim Clemens

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* ANTHEM

Gift of God
Arianna Hardaway, *soloist*

Marty Haugen

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

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.

THE SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2089 (TFWS)

La Grange

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

To You, O God,

we lift up our souls.

You know us through and through;

we confess our sins to you.

Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.

Show us your ways;

teach us your paths;

and lead us in justice and truth,

for the sake of your goodness

in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Remember the gift of baptism:

your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus;

you belong to Christ;

you anointed to serve.

Stand up and raise your heads!

The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! *(after each petition)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Is Well

Michael W. Smith

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chaconne

Theodore Dubois

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God
and in honor of newlyweds, Michael and Emily McCumbee, who
were joined in Christian marriage December 8,
given by Jan, Kent and Will Bitting

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:

Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
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This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 9

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert / The Hut Chapel
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group / Family Life Center (FLC)
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC 102

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:30 p.m. Staff Luncheon / TBA
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 a.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
6:15 p.m. Fast-Track Bible Study / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Ladies BSF Study / Room 216

Thursday, December 13

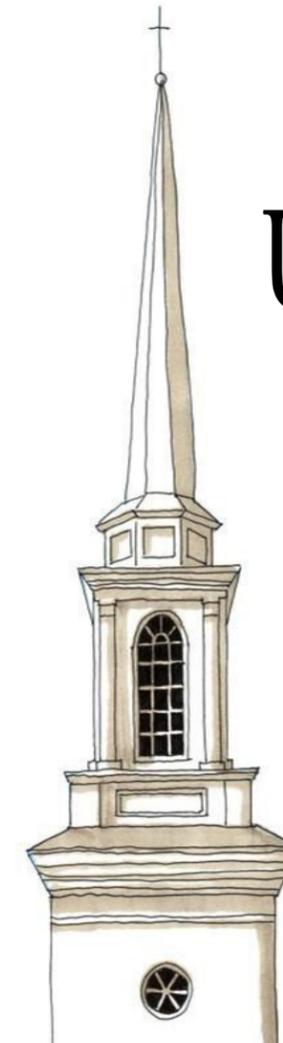
7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Activities / Education Wing

Friday, December 14

Fruit Baskets / Sonshine Class / Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, December 15

Fruit Baskets / Sonshine Class / Fellowship Hall



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
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.