

We Gather to Worship God

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. Isaiah set the tone for 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 all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it in worship with one another in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sheep May Graze Safely
Kim Carey, flute

J. S. Bach

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ellacombe

* OPENING DIALOGUE

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming,
We wait filled with hope,
Knowing your light will shine in the darkness.
We wait anticipating your peace,
Believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait embracing your love,
May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.
We wait with joy,
Bubbling us in expectation of your birth.
Lord we wait,
Come soon and fill us with your life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir in our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Hollis Grace Jordan
daughter of David and Ginger Jordan

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Hollis Grace Jordan for baptism,

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?
I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that through your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?
We will.

Leader Address the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Hollis with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and the one who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 191 Jesus Loves Me Jesus Loves Me
Vs. 1

Hollis Grace Jordan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 207 Prepare the Way
Prepare the Way of the Lord (Sing 5x)

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

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

ANTHEM Come Jesus, Holy Son Of God G.F. Handel

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 NT Pg. 34
"Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

Where the Wild Things Are

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

Do You See What I See?

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2089

La Grange

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Handel

He Shall Feed His Flock

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 567

National Hymn

Heralds of Christ

* 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 loving memory of James W. Taylor, Jr.
and Elizabeth and Ray Clonts
by Dawne and Danny Clonts and Josephine Holbert.

The 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.

In Memoriam

Irby Lee Koon

10/05/1948-12/01/2017

A Service of Death and Resurrection
was celebrated on December 4, 2017.

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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.

Serving This Sunday, December 10

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Collin Hucks, Caroline Daly, Nathan Nelson,
Anna Kate Nelson

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Trustee Duty: Tyler Thomas, Brian Stewart

Bus Duty: Blake Martin

Children's Church: Sammy and Debbie Johnson

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Kelly Cooper,
Zack Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Hunter Jenkins, Morgan Martin, Charles
Myers, William Nelson, Tyler Thomas.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 10

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

2:00 p.m. Children's Choirs Rehearsal / Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert / The Hut Chapel

5:00 p.m. The Bridge Ministry Christmas Party / Meet at the FLC

5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, December 13

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

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

6:15 p.m. "Down to Earth" Bible Study / Room. 217

7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC

Friday, December 15

Sonshine Class / Fellowship Hall

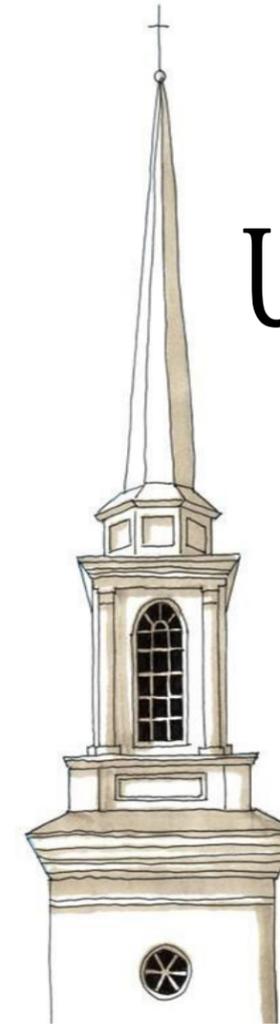
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, December 16

Sonshine Class / Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal / Sanctuary



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017
10:30 a.m.

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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.