

We Gather to Worship God

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Jesus points to signs of God's reign: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and mercy and love. We pray that God will open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Friedrich Zachau
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 242 Gartan
"Love Came Down at Christmas"

* THE GREETING

Our God comes with healing and salvation!
Open our eyes to see glory.
Open our ears to hear joy.
Open our hearts to know love.
Open our hands to share bounty.
Come, Christ Jesus, Come!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE HYMN No. 211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel
stanza 1 (sung before the lighting; stanza 4 sung after the lighting)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

Great and Holy One, *in the time of waning light, we confess the shadows of our sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.*

In Jesus Christ, God comes to set you free. **Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

* All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

ANTHEM Jacques Berthier
"The King of Glory Comes"
Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10

OT Pg. 663

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

THE RESPONSE "The Magnificat"
Lukel:46-55

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My soul doth magnify the Lord,
Rejoicing in his holiness;
For he hath looked with favor on
His servant in her lowliness.

All ages now shall call me blessed;
The mighty one hath strengthened me;
Throughout all generations now
Them that fear him will have mercy.

He hath displayed his right arm's strength,
Scattered the proud in their conceit,
Exalted now the humble, meek
Put down the mighty from their seat.

The hungry he that filled with good;
The rich he sent empty away;
As he once promised Abraham
And our forefathers in their day.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be;
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.

THE SECOND LESSON James 5:7-10

NT Pg. 231

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ANTHEM "Angel's Carol"

John Rutter

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-11

NT Pg. 27-28

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

"Sights and Symbols"

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.

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

"Visions of the Season"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

La Grange

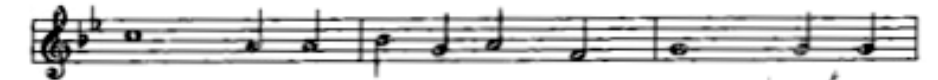
"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"



1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech - oes
2. "Bear the fruit re - pen - tance sows: lives of
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro -



through the des - ert still, call - ing us to make a
jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than
claimed sal - va - tion near, and his time - less warn - ings



choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: Turn from
those; set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the
hold words of hope to all who hear. So we



sin and be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and mind and
Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh - ing
dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un -



soul. Quit - ting all the sin you
floor: then will flames the chaff de -
trod, till we come at last like



prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
John - to be - hold the Lamb of God.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.

*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. Amen.*

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY "Once He Came in Blessing" Helmut Walcha

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 218 *Carol*

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Leon Boellmann

"Toccata (from Suite Gothique)"

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our wonderful God and also in honor of all of our members
who have helped keep me going since my sweetheart died.

You'll always be in my heart,
Pat Breeze

Stewardship and Attendance

Operating	10,450.00	Sunday, School	132
Good Samaritan	25.00	Sunday Worship	215
Mission Society	25.00	Coffee Talk	7
Greenery	145.00	Wonderful Wednesday	86
Christmas Project	150.00	Advent Concerts	
CAP	50.00	12-1	50
Epworth	25.00	12-8	55
UMCOR	245.00		
Music Discretionary	20.00	CAP Items	17
Poinsettia	187.00		
Poinsettia Child	258.00		
Children's Discretionary	200.00		
Shepherd's Table	148.00		
Building Fund	907.00		
Total	12,835.00		

Serving This Sunday, December 15

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson
Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith

Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex Von Herrmann, John Kelly Thompkins, 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: Christmas Party / Meet at the Randle's Home

Serving Next Sunday, December 22

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson
Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Savannah Seremet, Erin Todd

Counting Committee: (Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch
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This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 15

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
12:00 p.m. Fruit Basket Pick up / Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. UMYF Christmas Party / Begins at the Randle's Home
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert ~ Piano Trio / Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 18

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
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical / FLC
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2013
11:00 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.