



For those who placed orders for Fruit Baskets, please be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship and pick up your baskets. Members of the Sonshine class will be available to assist you.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING 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.

Serving This Sunday, December 16

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

Crucifer and Acolytes Sydney Stegall, Caroline Todd, Erin Todd

Counting Committee (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Maxine Dunn / 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

Nursery Volunteers Amanda Roof, Courtney Hardee, Julie Whitten

Children's Church Brad and Susan Todd

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	6,677.35	Sunday School	168
Good Samaritan	10.00	Morning Worship	226
CAP	100.00	Breakfast with Santa	89
Children	277.74	Gloria Concert	225
Music Discretionary	319.00	Advent Luncheon	103
Poinsettia	181.50	Children's Musical	102
Poinsettia Child	352.00		
Outreach	600.00	Food Items for CAP	69
Advent Luncheon	223.00		
Adult Education	77.00		
Building Fund	3,012.00		
Total	11,830.55		

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 16

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Recorder Consort Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / Rm. 205
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Parsonage Open House / 709 Elm Street
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF/ Christmas Party
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, December 17

- 12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / First Baptist Church

Tuesday, December 18

- 6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Dinner / The Parsonage

Wednesday, December 19

- 10:30 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Party / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert/ The Hut



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2012

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.

First Church at Worship

The presence of the Lord “in your midst” is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the theme of this third Sunday of Advent!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

INTROIT “O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord” Christopher Tye

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 203 *Ellacombe*
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

* 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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

HYMN OF LIGHTING No. 202 *Besançon*
People Look East
Stanza 3

MORNING PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Love Came Down at Christmas” Allen Pote

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT Pg. 899
Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

ANTHEM “Ave, Ave, the Angels Sang” Robert Lau

THE EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:4-7 NT Pg. 198
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “The Jesus Gift” Gilbert Martin
Margaret Jordan, *soloist*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:7-18 NT Pg. 60
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS “Let’s Celebrate!” Rev. Kyle
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 “Hope” Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 221 *Cranham*
“In the Bleak Midwinter”
You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

OFFERTORY “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” Johann Walther

OFFERTORY ANTHEM J. S. Bach
“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel’s warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 246 *Antioch*
“Joy to the World”

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
“Fantasia in A Major”

* CONGREGATION STANDING.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Griffin Yenicek’s second birthday
by Mom and Dad.

The Evening Service in the Hut
6:00 p.m.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Gloria Patri, Doxology, and Psalter 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.