

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Bach/Gounod

Ave Maria

Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL CAROL No. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

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 are 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)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

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 GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

by

Lloyd Larson

Come and Worship the Newborn King

Narration I: The HOPE of Christmas

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Narration 2: The Promise of Christmas

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Narration III: The Wonder of Christmas

Child of Promise, Child of Love

Amelia Hobbs, *soloist*

Narration IV: The Majesty of Christmas

Jesus is Born Tonight!

Narration V: The Mystery of Christmas

Christ is Born This Holy Night

Narration VI: The Brilliance of Christmas

Guide Us to the Perfect Light

Narration VII: The Glory of Christmas

The Glory of Christmas

Finale

OFFERTORY

Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus Te (from Gloria)

Amelia Dobbs and Katherine Brooks, *soloists*

* PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No.95

* RECESSIONAL CAROL No. 240

Mendelssohn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Marcel Dupré

Gloria (from Magnificat VI)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of and thankfulness for Billy Fallaw and his work with the music ministries of FUMC Conway given by Austin Wyatt and Will Brown

First UMC Chancel Choir

Katherine Brooks	Adrienne Jennings
Jimmy Brown	Margaret Jordan
Will Brown	Janet Lawrence
Patrick Carter	Tim Lawrence
Dawne Clonts	Jack McCutcheon
Amelia Dobbs	Wink Prince
Frances Driggers	Sylvia Richardson
Colin Gallagher	Lela Faye Sanders
George Goldfinch	Helen Schreiber
Louise Goodwin	Jean Timbes
Arianna Hardaway	Lib Wellons
Frankie Hardwick	JoAnn Wiegand
Helen Heath	Bill Wiegand
Charlotte Ives	Austin Wyatt

First UMC Festival Orchestra

Noelle Mason, <i>flute I</i>	Marlon McDonald, <i>trombone</i>
Kim Carey, <i>flute II</i>	Daniel Johnson, <i>tuba</i>
Hollie Roy, <i>oboe</i>	Benjamin Kellogg, <i>violin</i>
Jared Hendrickson, <i>bassoon</i>	Eva Kort, <i>viola</i>
Tonya Propst, <i>horn</i>	Zachariah Smith, <i>cello</i>
Randall Hayes, <i>trumpet</i>	Lee Hickman, <i>double base</i>
	John Case, <i>percussion</i>

Lectors

Melinda Hyman	Jeanne Stewart
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In Memoriam

Maxine S. Dunn
6/7/1931 - 12/1/2018

A Service of Death and Resurrection
was celebrated on December 4

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 16

Fruit Basket Pick up / Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. The Glory of Christmas / Worship / Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Parsonage Open House / 709 Elm Street
4:00 p.m. Advent Concert / Hut Chapel
5:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Wednesday, December 19

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. Play Practice / Sanctuary
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Ladies BSF Study / Room 216
6:30 p.m. *Star Search* / Children's Christmas Program / Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105 6:30

Thursday, December 20

7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service / Sanctuary

Friday, December 21

10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Children's Activities / Education Wing

Saturday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
11:00 a.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211

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.

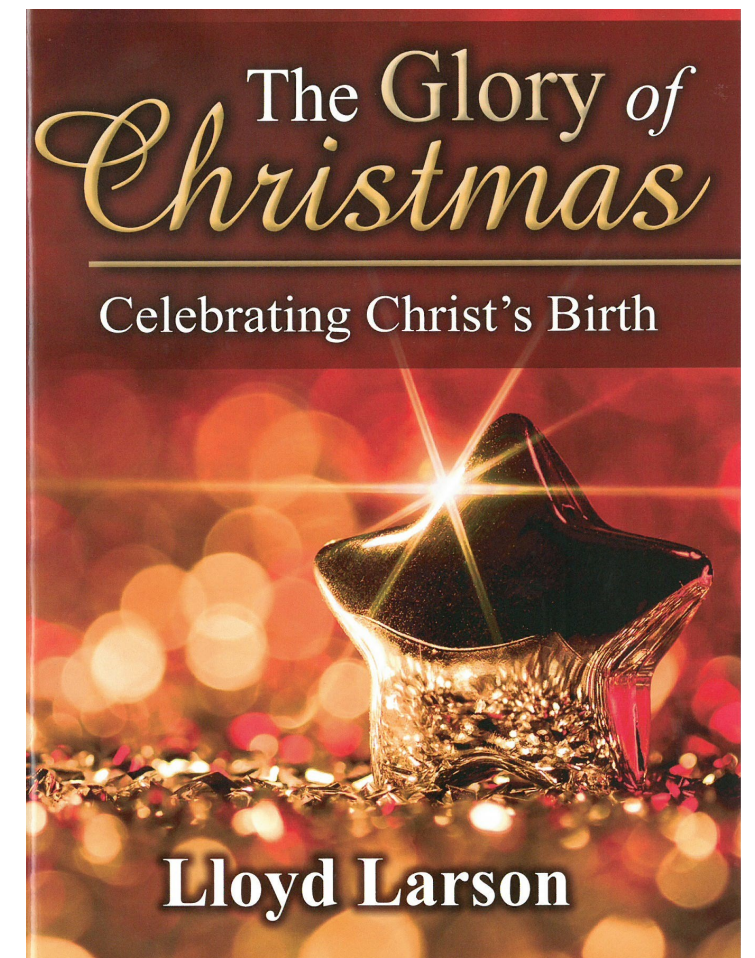
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you 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.



presented by
First UMC Chancel Choir

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 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.