

# We Gather to Worship God

OPENING VOLUNTARY Douglas Wagner

*Tidings*  
Carillon Handbell Choir and Organ

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* PROCESSIONAL CAROL No. 234

*Adeste Fidelis*  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
stanzas 1-4

\* THE BIDDING PRAYER Josh Tietje

People of God:

*In the season of Advent and Christmas, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God the pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. Amen.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Josh, Joy, Nolan and Emery Tietje

Advent Carol No. 211 *Veni Emmanuel*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
stanza 1

Voice 1: *At the beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel, Surprise us by your coming.*

Voice 2: *We gather together to let God's good news reorient our lives. O Emmanuel, Surprise us by your coming.*

Voice 1: *We wait for the day when all the world will see the sign that God is with us. O Emmanuel, Surprise us by your coming.*

Voice 2: *We are shocked by how God comes close, even at this very moment. O Emmanuel, Surprise us by your coming.*

Voice 1: *Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope. Amen.*

Advent Carol No. 211 *Veni Emmanuel*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
stanza 5

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Jeanne Stewart

ANTHEM 15th Century French Melody  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6, 19 Joy Tietje

ANTHEM Traditional French Carol  
*People, Look East*

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Lindsey Altman

ANTHEM 13th Century Basque Carol  
*The Angel Gabriel*

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 William Goldfinch

ANTHEM Traditional French Carol  
*He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child*

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14 Anne Marie Martin

ANTHEM 14th Century German Carol  
*Resonet in Laudibus (Resound in Praise)*

Today, great is the name of the Lord: Emmanuel!  
Now with gladness carol we,  
With the voice of jubilee,  
Zion and her children free;  
Rejoice, thou earth, for all this birth doth bring thee!  
Alleluia!

Up ye, choristers, and bring  
Praises to your little King;  
In His name devoutly Sing:  
Rejoice, thou earth, for all this birth doth bring thee!  
Today, great is the name of the Lord: Emmanuel!

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:15-16 Spivey Hood

ANTHEM *What Sweeter Music* John Leavitt

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:17-20 Mattie Hucks

ANTHEM Traditional English Carol  
*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Jill Nelson

ANTHEM *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Leavitt

\* NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Rev. Kyle Randle

PRAYER

*Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

OFFERTORY CAROL No. 245 *The First Noel*

*The First Noel*  
*(please remain seated to sing the carol)*

\* PRESENTATION OF 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 Dupre  
*Gloria (from Magnificat VI)*

\* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my parent's 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Bob and Beth Wiley. With love, Katherine Wiley

**First UMC Chancel Choir**

Margaret Jordan	Adrienne Jennings
Betty Dunham	Sue Dusenbury
Jean Timbes	Shirley Hardwick
Tim Lawrence	Janet Lawrence
Charlotte Ives	Lib Wellons
Dawne Clonts	Louise Goodwin
Freda Jones	Helen Schreiber
Sylvia Richardson	Lella Faye Sanders
Frances Driggers	Frankie Hardwick
Jack McCutcheon	Jimmy Brown
George Goldfinch	Val Dunham
Kailey Mixer	Lila Myers
Helen Schreiber	JoAnn Wiegand

**First UMC Carillon Handbell Choir**

Blake Martin	Lee Hickman
John Case	Tim Lawrence
Sallie Goldfinch	Amy Hickman
Emily Steiner	Lynn Hammond
Kathy Cooper	Kathy Hucks

Janet Lawrence

**Lectors**

Jeanne Stewart	Joy Tietje
Lindsey Altman	William Goldfinch
Anne Marie Martin	Spivey Hood
Mattie Hucks	Jill Nelson

**Serving This Sunday, December 18**

**Altar Guild:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Sylvia Richardson, Paula Mytko, Libby McCutcheon, Lillian Sherry  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jacob Johnson, Ben Chanaca, Jackson Hagen  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Hewitt and Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub  
**Trustee Duty:** Dawne Clonts, Johnny Vaught  
**Children’s Church:** Mark and Jenny Chanaca  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zach Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Hunter Jenkins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Tyler Thomas

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, December 18**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:30 a.m. Children’s Happy Birthday Jesus Party / Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
 2:00 p.m. Parsonage Open House / 709 Elm Street  
 4:00 p.m. Advent Concert / Hut Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner / FLC

**Monday, December 19**

12:00 p.m. Advent Luncheon / Trinity UMC  
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

**Tuesday, December 20**

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 21**

6:00 p.m. Longest Night~Blue Christmas Service / Sanctuary

**Friday, December 23!**

Church Office is closed.  
 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

**Saturday, Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service / Sanctuary

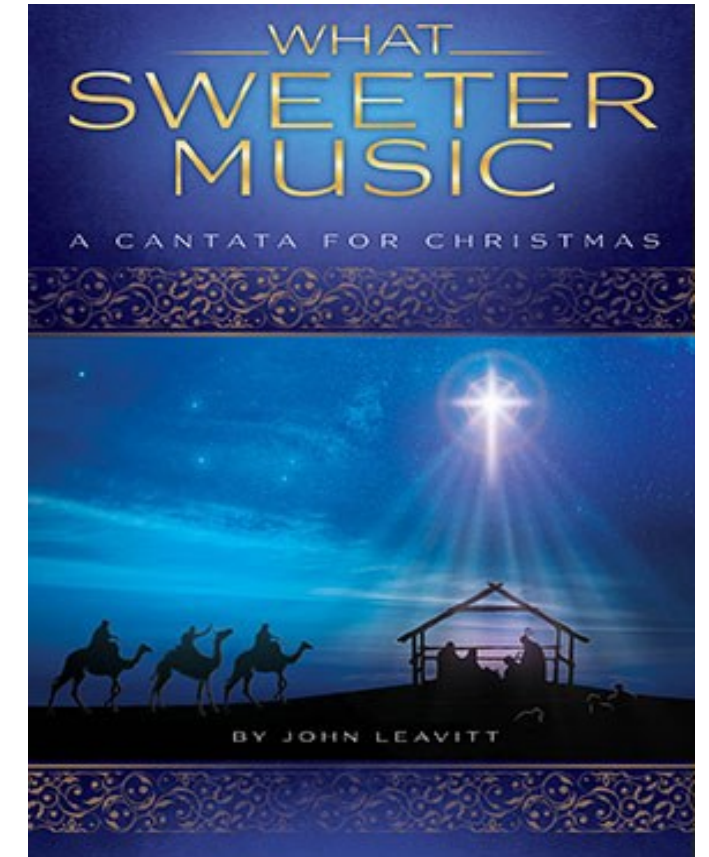
**Sunday, Merry Christmas!**

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary



**The 2017 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pickup. Please visit the designated table in the Commons.

**The Poinsettia / Poinsettia Child Bulletin** is available in the Narthex, Bell Tower Entrance and Commons. Please pick one up as you leave this morning.



presented by  
**First UMC Chancel Choir**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 December 18, 2016

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.

In 1880 E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In 1918 it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White. In this Advent season of hope and expectation, the whole world awaits the coming of the Savior. We hear the prophets. We sing God's promises. We place our hope in God.

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For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary this Christmas, we invite you to take them with you *following* the **Christmas Day Service**.