

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Were You There on That Christmas Night” Natalie Sleeth
“Ding, Dong! Merrily on High” Douglas Wagner

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 213 *Truro*
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

* THE BIDDING PRAYER

People of God:

In the season Advent, 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.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

* BLESSING

The almighty God bless us with divine grace,
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN No. 211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*
stanza 1 (sung before the lighting); stanza 5 (sung after the lighting)

At the end of the lesson, the reader will pause and say, The Word of the Lord, and all respond, **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:1-15 Katherine Brooks
*God announces in the Garden of Eden
Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion
and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

ANTHEM Richard Shepherd
“Come Thou Redeemer”

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 Morgan Martin
*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made with the
people and he will write it upon their hearts. Their sins are forgiven!*

ANTHEM Shepherd
“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 Erin Todd
*Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises a new heaven and a new
earth.*

ANTHEM Shepherd
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 Corbin Jenkins
*To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah
announces good news: God is coming back, and bringing the exiles
home!*

ANTHEM Craig Curry
“Hark the Glad Sound”

FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9a Kathleen McCracken
*The prophet Isaiah calls upon God to deliver his people once again
through hope.*

* THE HYMN No. 196 *Hyfrydol*
“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

SIXTH LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Andy Hendrick
*The prophet Isaiah announces the renewal both of the land and of
God's people on the coming day of redemption.*

ANTHEM Paul Sjolund
“Brightest and Best”

SEVENTH LESSON Isaiah 7:10-15 Sallie Goldfinch
*Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him
Emmanuel: God with us!*

ANTHEM “Gesu Bambino” Pietro Yon
Nicholas Bone, *soloist*

ANTHEM Robert Lau
“Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?”

EIGHTH LESSON Micah 5:2-4 Tim Whitten
*The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor
and peace for all of God's creation.*

ANTHEM Don Besig
“Will We Know Him”

ANTHEM John Rutter
“Candlelight Carol”
Jo Anna Fallaw, *soloist*

* NINTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Kyle Randle
*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give
birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.*

ANTHEM Gilbert Martin
“The Jesus Gift”

PRAYER

*Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With you 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 “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach
Long Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra String Quartet

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No.95

* 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!

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 240 *Mendelssohn*
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Marcel Dupre
Gloria (From Magnificat VI)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Festival Musicians

FUMC Chancel Choir

Long Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra String Quartet

Carillon Handbell Choir

John Case, *timpani*

Jo Anna Fallaw and Nicholas Bone, *soloists*

We welcome the LBSYO String Quartet to our worship this morning:
Ashley Milan, *violin*; Kylie Thomas, *violin*; Cassandra Miller, *viola*; and
Leigh Huddle, *cello*.

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 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
(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

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	9,413.00	Sunday School	146
General Scholarship	1,000.00	Morning Worship	218
Christmas Project	970.00	Parsonage Open House	50-60
Shoebox	250.00	Advent Concert	61
Altar Guild	200.00		
Poinsettia Lily	34.00		
Poinsettia Child	17.00	Food Items for CAP	110
Youth Discretionary	200.00	Help4Kids Food Items	36
Building Fund	2,507.00		
Total	14,591.00		

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Party / Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, December 23

Church Office will close at 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Church Office is Closed

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

Christmas Day - December 27

Church Office is Closed



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Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013

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.

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.