

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY ASBURY RINGERS
On Christmas Night All Angels Sing

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE ADVENT PROCESSIONAL No. 234 ADESTE FIDELES
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Vs. 1-3

* OPENING DIALOGUE

Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
God has looked with favor upon the lowliness of God's servant.
God's mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's arm.
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
Come, for God is doing a new thing!
Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and
might, free us from the 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM SEE INSERT
~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON MICAH 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

THE MAGNIFICAT

LUKE 1:46B-55
ST. THOMAS

My soul proclaims with joy
The greatness of the Lord;
My spirit will rejoice in him
My Savior and my God.

The Lord has favored me;
All ages will proclaim
That God has done great things for me,
And holy is his Name.

Of those who fear the Lord
His mercy will abide;
He showed the strength of his right arm;
The proud are scattered wide.

The mighty are cast down,
And lowly ones are raised;
He fills the hungry with good things
And sends the rich away.

He comes to us to keep
The promise made before
To Abraham and to his heirs
Of mercy evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin
offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I
have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the
second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the
offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Angel's Carol

JOHN RUTTER

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 202 BESANÇON
People, Look East
Vs. 1 & 2

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the
hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with
a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child
in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there
would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 202 BESANÇON
People, Look East
Vs. 3 & 4

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS REV. KYLE
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.

SERMON *Sing Out* REV. KYLE D. RANDLE

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 198 MORNING SONG
My Soul Gives Glory to My God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

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)

OFFERTORY *O Come, Little Children* VOICES IN BRONZE

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS DOXOLOGY No. 95
~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 246 ANTIOCH
Joy to the World

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J.S. BACH
Fantasy on In Dulci Jubilo

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Joseph "Smith" Hyman's baptism
by his family.

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.

Serving This Sunday, December 23

Altar Guild: Libby McCutcheon, Paula Mytko, Sylvia Richardson, Lil Sherry

Acolytes and Crucifer: Ross Fallaw, Andrew Roof, Grady Hagen

Children's Church: Amy Hickman

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

Bus Duty: Travis Dannelly

Trustee Duty: Tyler Thomas and Brian Stewart

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey

Ushers: Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper,

Zack Dusenbury, Kevin Hagen, Garvin Huggins, Hunter Jenkins,

Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Tyler Thomas.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

11:30 a.m. Hyman Family / Family Life Center

Monday, December 24

Church Office is closed

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

Tuesday, December 25

Church Office is closed

Merry Christmas!

6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) / FLC Room 102

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office is closed.

Wonderful Wednesday Activities will resume on January 9.

Thursday, December 27

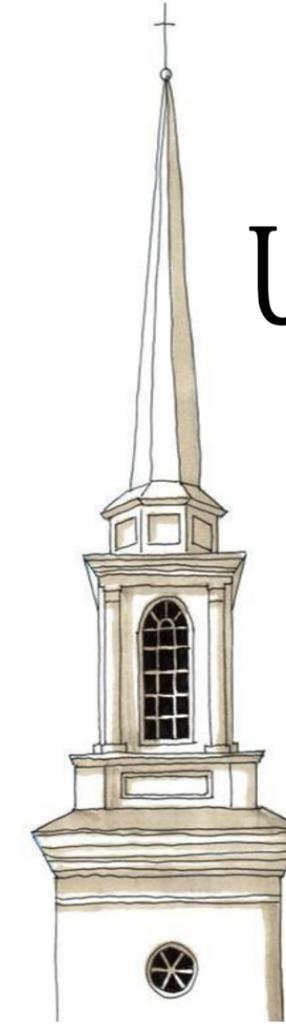
12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Friday, December 28

12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

All 2018 Giving needs to be received and dated by December 31.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 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.