

# The Nativity of Our Lord

THE VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach

\* THE PROCESSIONAL CAROL No. 234 *Adeste Fideles*  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister: Glory to God in the highest.*

**People: And on earth peace and good will toward men.**

*Minister: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people.*

**People: Glory be to God on High.**

*Minister: For a child has been born for us, a son given to  
us; authority rests upon his shoulders;*

**People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace.**

\* THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!*

**A light no darkness can diminish.**

\* THE CANTICLE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS No. 205  
**Response 3**

THE COLLECT

*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 FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 OT Pg. 638

**Response: Whom do you behold, O shepherds? Tell us. Declare to  
us the tidings, on earth who has appeared? We saw the newborn  
infant, and the choir of angels, praising the Lord together. Alleluia,  
alleluia!**

ANTHEM *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam  
Molly Fay, soloist

THE SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14 NT Pg. 215

**Response: The Angel said unto the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you  
joyful tidings. For unto you is born this day the world's Redeemer."  
Alleluia!**

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL No. 238 *Gloria*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
stanzas 1 & 2

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 NT Pg. 58

CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL No. 238 *Gloria*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
stanzas 3 & 4

THE MEDITATION Rev. Randle

OFFERTORY Peter Wilhousky

*Carol of the Bells*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Carmen Scialla

*He Shall Be Great*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

This evening, Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction. The ushers will  
direct worshippers towards one of three stations to receive the elements.

Please commune and pray until you are led to return to your seat.

The Communion Offering left at the Chancel Rail

will go to the Haiti Mission Trip.

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

Sung during Communion

*Away in a Manger* No. 217

*What Child Is This* No. 219

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 229

*Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 220

THE LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

As the acolytes pass the light to members of the congregation, pass it to  
the person next to you. DO NOT TIP a lighted candle. While the light is  
being passed, the Minister reads the following:

\* LESSON OF LIGHT John 1:1-14

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things  
came into being through him, and without him not one thing came  
into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life  
was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and  
the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from  
God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the  
light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not  
the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which  
enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the  
world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world  
did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own  
people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who  
believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,  
<sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the  
will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived  
among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's  
only son, full of grace and truth.*

\* THE CAROL OF LIGHT No. 239 *Stille Nacht*

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

\* THE BENEDICTION All Extinguish Their Candles

VOLUNTARY *Gloria (from Magnificat VI)* Marcel Dupre

\* Congregation Standing



Special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to make this  
Christmas Season a blessing. From the beautiful decorations, to the  
musical offerings, to the warm fellowship of meals and gatherings,  
and the outpouring to missions.

FUMC, you are the hands and feet of our Lord.

**Merry Christmas!**



### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

### THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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.

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.



**Poinsettias:** For those who placed a poinsettia in the Sanctuary this Christmas, we invite you to take it with you following the Christmas Eve service.

*A very merry Christmas to all who come to worship the Christ Child. Our liturgy this evening is the special Eucharist from which comes the word "Christmas." It is the Christ Mass, the incarnation of our Lord and Savior in a manger in Bethlehem, in the Word of proclamation, in the sacrament of Holy Communion, and in our hearts as we take him into the world.*

*Ancient scriptures combine with candles, carols, and bright array to tell the story of the Christ Child's birth in the quiet of this special night. In the intimacy of this hour, we meditate by the manger, and in awe adore him as the infant God and King.*



*The First Church Family wishes you a blessed Christmas. The church office will be closed December 24-28 and January 1. The staff thanks you for this time to celebrate with our families and friends.*

## Come worship with us this Christmas Season

### Sunday, December 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Sunday, January 3

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Wednesday, January 6

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up at school.  
3:15 p.m. Follow That Star / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Epiphany Celebration / Sanctuary

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



*December 24, 2015*

*5:00 p.m.*

*First United Methodist Church*

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