

We Gather to Worship God

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find that boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Don Hustad
O Come, All Ye Faithful

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 240 Mendelssohn
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
That light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
 Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.
 To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you an the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.***

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.*
 * All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshipping assembly to share the gift of Christ’s peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, “Peace be with you.”

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD ~

ANTHEM Bob Moore
Child of Mary
 Tim and Janet Lawrence; Jane Case

THE FIRST LESSON I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 OT. Pg. 246
 This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 NT Pg. 201
 This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Mark Wilberg
Away in a Manger

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52 NT Pg. 59
 This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Amy Hickman
 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 SERMON Rev. Ken Land

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ~

* RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: It is you, loving God, who lights our paths with truth.

People: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

People: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

People: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

People: to sing for joy with all the angels.

Leader: In the brightness of his life

People: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

Leader: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

People: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 249 Christmas Song
There’s a Song in the Air

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

* 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 AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Charles-Marie Widor
*Toccata (from **Symphony V**)*

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

We welcome the Rev. Ken Land to lead us in worship today. Rev. Land is a retired elder in The South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is married to Nancy Land and is the son-in-law of Becky Howell.

We welcome Jayson Snipes as our guest organist today. Mr. Snipes is Director of Music at Maple Springs United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC and Artistic Director/Conductor of Piedmont Chamber Singers. Mr. Snipes is a friend of Tim and Janet Lawrence and Jane Case.



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.

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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, December 27

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Paula Mytko, Libby McCutcheon, Lilian Sherry, Sylvia Richardson

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caroline Todd, Anna Kate Nelson, Emma Chanaca

Counting Committee: (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Karlene Rudolph, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Mike Thomas

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Bus Duty: Jill Watts

Ushers: Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Jimmy Hammond (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 27

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Friday, January 1

Church Office is Closed for New Year's Day

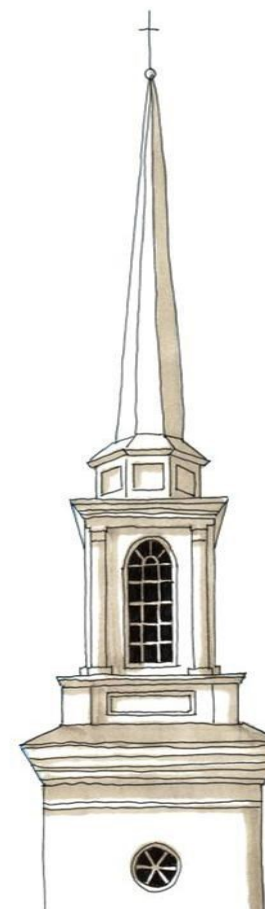
Wednesday, January 6

- 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

2015 Stewardship

2015 Operating Budget	485,999.83
Received to Date	439,455.05

We Encourage you to join us in reaching our Budget for 2015!



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First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2015
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.

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.