

We Gather to Worship God

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, all humanity join Simeon and Anna in the chorus praising God and recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Greensleeves
What Child Is This

* 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 in 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 worshiping 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 ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10-62:3 OT. Pg. 592

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

THE SECOND LESSON Galatians 4:4-7 NT Pg. 189

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

ANTHEM John Rutter
Christmas Lullaby

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:21-33 NT Pg. 59

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children will remain Worship with their parents this morning.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

THE SERMON *A Gift Worth Receiving* 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 *Carol of the Bells* Peter Wilhousky

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Pastorale Symphony* George F. Handel

* 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 Ian Anderson
God Rest You Merry

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of the 63rd birthday of Keith Gawith on December 27
and
in deep appreciation to all who have served through the year
on the Bereavement Committee.
Much love and God Bless,
Jan Gawith

We welcome George Giblin as our guest organist today. George is originally from Bristol, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Holy Apostles College in Cromwell, CT, with an MA in Theology, and the University of Connecticut with a graduate certificate in Long Term Healthcare Administration. He retired from careers as a respiratory therapist, nursing home administrator, and church organist in 2012. He now resides with his wife Lee in Murrells Inlet. They enjoy low country living and visiting their seven children and five grandchildren. Their fourth son, Jonathan Giblin, is the Music Director and Organist at Fairfax United Methodist Church in Virginia. Their youngest son, Mark, has served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and stateside as a saxophonist with the Marine Corps Band."

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.

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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Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
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.

Wonderful Wednesday

All programs will resume on January 7!

Follow That Star



Join the fun as we welcome the celebration of the Epiphany on **Sunday, January 4 at 5:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. We will begin with a **covered dish meal** followed by storytelling and activities, including **live camel rides**. All children will be invited to join in a scavenger hunt with the Wise Men in search of the Holy Family. Let us continue the celebration of the twelve days of Christmas as we move towards the Twelfth night of Christmas. Let us mark the Epiphany with food, fellowship, fun, and worship!

For those who placed a **pooinsettia** in the Sanctuary this Christmas, we invite you to take them with you following morning worship.

The **Church Office** will be closed on New Year's Day!

Rev. Kyle Randle will be back in the office on January 1 and **Tim Whitten** will return on January 4. If you need to reach them, please call their cell. Kyle: 803-804-2208 or Tim: 251-269-8179

The **First View** will return on Sunday, January 4.

Birthdays this Week

December 28: Teresa Bell, Kimberly Dannelly, Lindsay Doyle

December 29: Joan Booth, Melinda Hyman

January 1: George Kyzer

January 2: Joe Mytko

Serving This Sunday, December 28

Altar Guild: Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Betty Smith, Paula Mytko, Lillian Sherry

Acolytes and Crucifer: Lila Myers, Jade Edwards, Erin Todd

Counting Committee (Sunday) William Goldfinch, Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

No Children's Church

Trustee Duty Mike Thomas

Sound Technician Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

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

Serving Next Sunday, January 4

Altar Guild: Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von deck

Acolytes and Crucifer: Ross Fallaw, Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon, Ike Locklair (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson

Trustee Duty: Jill Nelson

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Ushers: Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman) Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Phil Thompson, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 28

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

Thursday, January 1

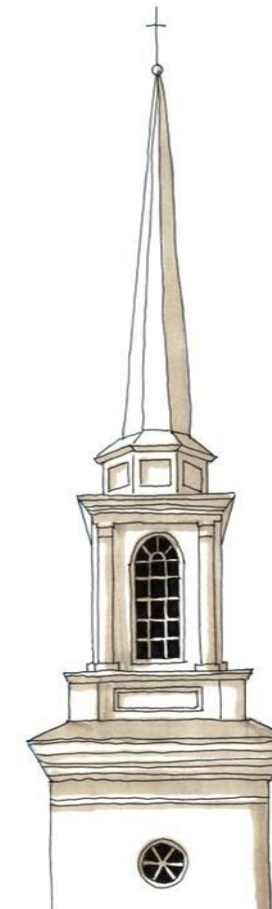
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Stewardship		Attendance	
Operating	9,188.67	Sunday School	162
Good Samaritan	25.00	Morning Worship	259
Haiti Mission Trip	550.00		
Christmas Project	500.00		
Music Discretionary	185.00	Help4Kids Items	6
Children's Discretionary	54.95	CAP	6
Building Fund	5,280.00		
Capital Campaign	9,309.00		
Total	25,092.62		

2014 Stewardship

2014 Operating Budget 488,267.92
Received to Date 451,159.36

We Encourage you to join us in reaching our Budget for 2014!



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First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 28, 2014
11:00 a.m.

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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.