

We Gather to Worship God

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach
 “In Dulci Jubilo”

* 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 and 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 63:7-9 OT. Pg. 693

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

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2:10-18 NT Pg. 1219

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

ANTHEM W.H. Neidlinger

“Birthday of the King”
 Frankie Hardwick, *soloist*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:13-23 NT Pg. 2

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

THE MESSAGE Mrs. Edith Hucks

~ 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”

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
 Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Carol of the Bells” Peter Wilhousky

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Away in a Manger” Mack Wilberg

* 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 Felix Mendelssohn
 “Molto Allegro” (from **Sonata VI**)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in honor and celebration of
 Kimberly Dannelly’s Birthday
 by Travis Dannelly.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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 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:

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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.

We welcome Mrs. Edith Hucks this morning who will be bringing us the message.

Wonderful Wednesday

All programs will resume on January 8!

Follow That Star

Join the fun as we welcome the celebration of the Epiphany next Sunday, January 5 at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We will begin with a covered dish meal followed by storytelling and activities. 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 poinsettia 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 and Tim Whitten will be back in the office on January 2. If you need to reach them, please call their cell. Kyle: 803-804-2208 or Tim: 251-269-8179

Visit us on Facebook for pictures of the Candlelight Advent Concerts, Candles of Christmas (children's musical), Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, and other events in 2013!. Many thanks to Anne Roof for sharing her gift of photography with First UMC.

Birthdays this Week

December 29: Joan Booth, Melinda Hyman

January 1: George Kyzer

January 2: Joe Mytko

Serving This Sunday, December 29

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

Liturgist: Brad Todd

Acolytes and Crucifer: Erin Todd, Caroline Todd, Samuel Hickman

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

Children's Church: Libby Saville

Serving Next Sunday, January 5

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)
Kevin Cox, Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn,
Tidy Singleton, Phil Thompson, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, December 29

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

Wednesday, January 1

Church Office is Closed for New Year's Day

Stewardship

Operating	6,742.26
Good Samaritan	25.00
Christmas Project	925.00
Greenery	15.00
Help4Kids	25.00
Poinsettia Child	100.00
Red Bird Mission	25.00
Salvation Army	25.00
Building Fund	5,657.00
Total	13539.26



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First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2013
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.