

First United Methodist Church

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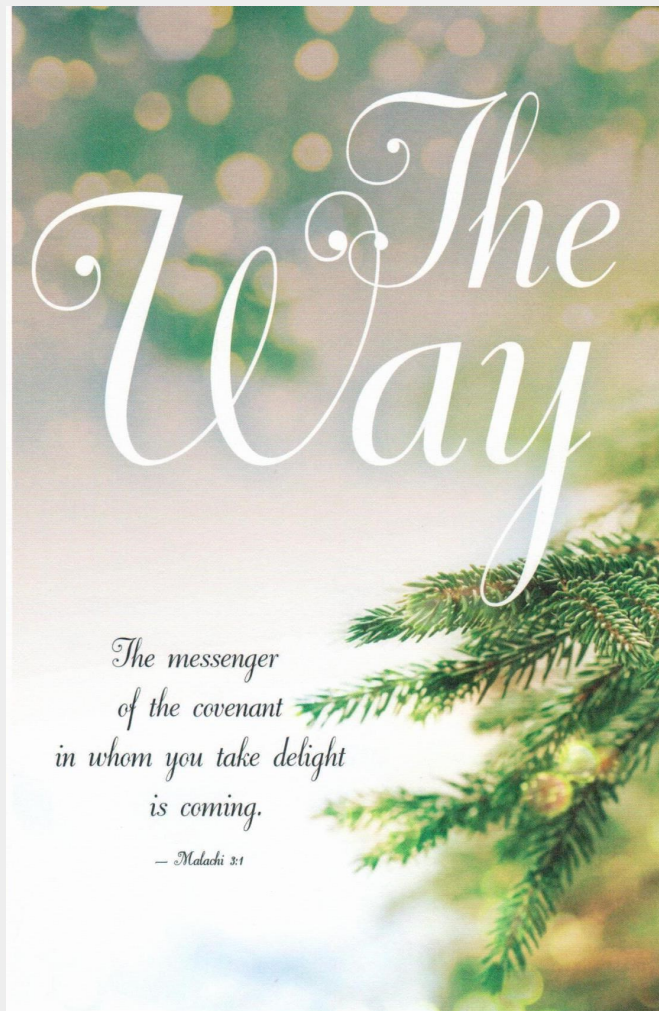
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Our Mission Statement: "Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God's presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth and adults to become disciples



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

March to the Manger

THE PRELUDE

How Far is it to Bethlehem?

arr. M. Hayes

GREETING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (10:45)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

INVOCATION (Unison)

We pray that during this season of Advent, as we look forward to the celebration of our Lord's birth, we will prepare the way of the Lord, the glory of the Lord will be revealed to us, and many who have not believed or even heard will hear the word of the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

No. 203

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Peace

(8:15) Ted & Sara Pilger (10:45) Gail White Family

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess, all-knowing God, that our sense of values has often become confused. We worry over things that don't make much difference. We get angry over slights that aren't very serious. We agonize over decisions that have very few consequences. We invest our money in things that have little lasting value. We spend time on activities that accomplish little. Pardon us, we pray, and help us to be good stewards of our time, our money, and our emotional energy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. W. Held

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

8:15

Cradle Carol

Dan Forrest

Rachel Alessio, soprano

10:45

His Name Shall Be Called Peace
Sanctuary Choir

John Purifoy

THE SERMON

“Getting Things Ready”

Rev. Rhein

***HYMN**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 206

THE PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen. **Organ or Choral Response**

THE MARCH TO THE MANGER

*Away in a Manger
What Child Is This
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1-3)
Angels We Have Heard on High (Verses 1 & 4)
The First Noel (Verses 1 & 5)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

Organ or Choral Response

THE POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. P. Manz

* STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY, AFTER BOTH SERVICES, AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

FOR LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS, SEE AN USHER.

Personal hearing receivers (amplifiers) are also available from an usher. Please return them to the usher's table when departing.

Children are a vital part of First United Methodist and are welcome in church. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. However, should you choose, there is a staffed nursery available for infants and children up to four years of age. Ask any usher for directions to the nursery.

Members, friends and guests, please join us in the Atrium for coffee, juice, and fellowship after both services.

Altar flowers: Altar flowers are given this week by Duane & Sue Stucky in honor of loved ones.

Indoor Greeters: The Presley Family

Acolytes: 10:45 Lexi Frick, Reese Matzenbacher

Sound System Operators: 8:15 Scott Wright
10:45 Ron Browning

Liturgists: 8:15 & 10:45: Paul McRoy

December Ushers: John Washburn, Captain;
8:15 Billy Tally; 10:45 Don Bryant, Jr.,
Paul Chugh, Greg Gibson, John Hinde,
Angie Voss

Welcome Center: 8:15 Sara & Ted Pilger;
10:45 Judy McNeill

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Lyn Christy and Jeff Anderer; 10:45 Angie & Neil Voss, Jackie Cox

Outside Greeters: Jan & Gary Austin

December Nametags: Sheila Crippen

Van Drivers: Brian Gorecki, John Graig

Parish Nurses: 9:15: Betty Graig;
11:45: Dana Oberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER

9 Sunday

March to the Manger

Second Sunday of Advent

Blood Pressure Checks after each Service

- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Advent Study –Investors & Renew Classes
- 10:45 Worship Service and Children’s Church

==> GOODY BAGS AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS AFTER BOTH SERVICES

- 5:00 **Music Vespers**, Anita Hutton-piano, Joe Walczyk-trumpet, and Bob Weiss-trombone, Sanctuary

BRING YOUR MARCH TO THE MANGER GIFTS TODAY

10 Monday

11 Tuesday

- 8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
- 9:00 Daniel Plan Essentials, Room 403
- 10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

12 Wednesday

- 9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appoint. only), Rm 403
- 10:00-11 Advent Study led by Pastor Alan, Rm. 410



12 Wednesday-cont.

- 10:00 Children’s Story Time, Diane Neill Dorsey Memorial Children’s Library, Room 413
- 6:00 Youth Group, Chapel
- 6:00 Grateful Hearts, Rm. 308
- 6:00 Scout Committee, Rm 410

13 Thursday

- Noon Deadline to bring in your poinsettias today—wrapped in foil along with memoriam
- 2:00 **Poinsettia Decorating** with Rhonda Kelley and volunteers—everyone welcome, Atrium
- 4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
- 5:30 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm. 404
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

14 Friday

- 9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

15 Saturday

Lessons and Carols

16 Sunday *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:15 Service of Lessons and Carols
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Advent Study –Investors & Renew Classes
- 10:45 Service of Lessons and Carols
- 5:00 **Music Vespers**, Kara Benyas and Anita Hutton, 4-hand piano



Final Exam Goody Bags: We hope you enjoy a Final Exams Goody Bag, and that it provides you with great energy for success. Please pick one up in the Narthex after either service today. Have a great Christmas and New Year!
Sincerely, Your Church Family