

First United Methodist Church

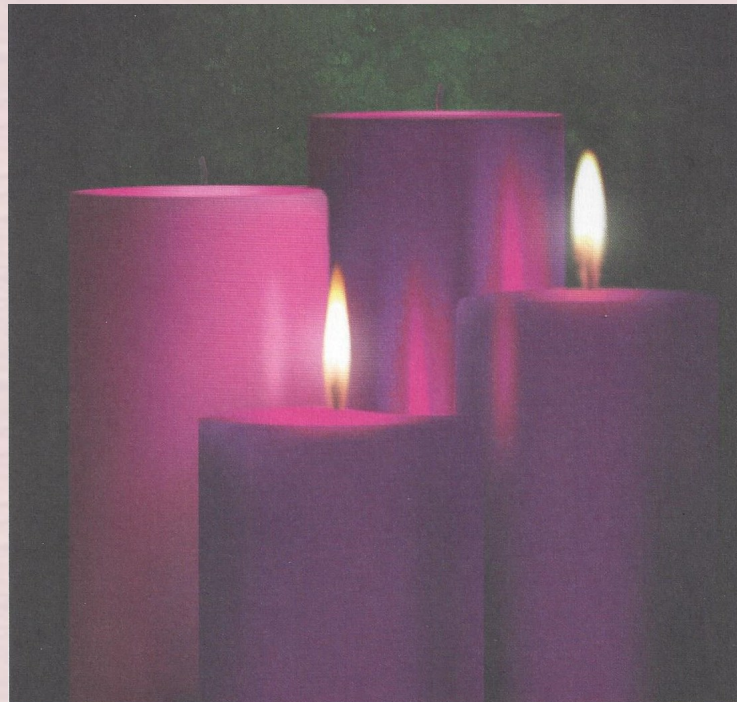
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Our Mission Statement: *"Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God's presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth and adults to become disciples of Jesus Christ, live fully in the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



**CLEAR THE LORD'S WAY
IN THE DESERT!**

- ISAIAH 40:3B

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2017 *Second Sunday of Advent* *8:15 & 10:45 a.m.*

March to the Manger

THE PRELUDE

Prelude on "Wachet Auf"
(*"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*)

W. L. Wold

GREETING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (10:45) Chime Choir

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 211

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Peace

(8:15) Ron Diel Family (10:45) Ellen Cotten and Mary Beth Aguilar

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

Pastorale on "Wachet Auf"
("Zion hears the watchmen singing")

W. L. Wold

*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

Mary, Did You Know?
Paula McNally, soloist

M. Lowry & B. Greene
arr. Schrader

10:45

Every Valley
Sanctuary Choir and Handbells

Anna L. Page and
Jean A. Shafferman

THE SERMON

"A Straight Path"

Rev. Rhein

*HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

No. 473

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

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What Child Is This

No. 219

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 224

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 229

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1-3)

No. 234

Angels We Have Heard on High (Verses 1 & 4)

No. 238

The First Noel (Verses 1 & 5)

No. 245

*THE BENEDICTION

Organ or Choral Response

THE POSTLUDE

Finale on "Wachet Auf"

W. L. Wold

* Stand as you are able ("Now let all the heav'ns adore you")

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 this week are given by Doug & Barb Bedient, in memory of their parents.

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

Van Drivers: John Graig, Brian Gorecki

Indoor Greeters: Joe & Bobbe Lenzini

Outdoor Greeter: Kathy Hollister

Liturgist: 8:15 & 10:45 Paul McRoy

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

Acolytes: 10:45 John and Madison Voss

Parish Nurses: 9:15 Sharon Meyer; 11:45 Dana Oberg

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Jan & Dick Verduin; 10:45 Evangeline & Paul Chugh

December Nametags: Sheila Crippen

December Ushers: John Washburn, Captain; 8:15 Larry Good, Bill Tally

10:45 Don Bryant, Jr., Greg Gibson, John Hinde, and Angie Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER

10 Sunday

March to the Manger

Second Sunday of Advent

Blood Pressure Checks after each Service

8:15 Worship Service - **March to the Manger**

9:30 **Advent Bible Study**

10:45 Worship Service - **March to the Manger**

5:00 **Music Vespers**, Anita Hutton, piano, Sanctuary

5:30 **Soup Supper**, Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Investors Class

11 Monday

6:00 Finance Committee, Heritage Room

7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

12 Tuesday

8:30 Men's Group, Heritage Room

9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403

10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

13 Wednesday

10:00 **CANCELED FOR REMAINDER OF 2017** Children's Story Time. Start-up date to be announced.

1:30 Wednesday Women's Fellowship, Heritage Rm

6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308

6:00 Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Rm. 409

THIS IS THE FINAL YOUTH MEETING OF 2017.

6:00 Scouts Committee, Room 419

14 Thursday

10:30 Poinsettia Decorating with the Renew Class.
Everyone welcome

5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch, & Yoga, Room 404

7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

15 Friday

9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

5:00 Families in Progress Caroling

16 Saturday

17 Sunday *Lessons and Carols*

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 **Lessons and Carols Service**

9:30 **Advent Bible Study**

10:45 **Lessons and Carols Service**

5:00 **Music Vespers**, Robert Weiss, trombone;
Anita Hutton, piano, Sanctuary

5:30 **Soup Supper**, Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Grateful Hearts and Renew class.

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