

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234
(Stanzas 1-4)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

PEOPLE: We wait as people of God's promise.

LEADER: The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

PEOPLE: We listen as people of God's promise.

LEADER: Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

PEOPLE: We follow as people of God's promise.

LEADER: This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

PEOPLE: God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

God of the impossible and unlikely, God of pregnant old women and virgins, you turn our conventional world upside down, where the hungry are fed, and arrogant rich are turned away. Instill in us unthinkable marvels. Make us pregnant with wonder through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*ADVENT HYMN "Light the Advent Candle Song" UMH #2090
(Fourth stanza only)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Deb Ketterman & Patty Mosher

JOYS, CONCERNS & GOD SIGHTINGS
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

HYMNFEST

You pick the song. First (one) stanza unless otherwise requested. UMH 196-254.

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."

~ **Psalm 80:3, 7, 19**

TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Anthem "Baby Born in Bethlehem" Renata Knox, Choir Director

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace and wonder, we offer these gifts in response to your call. As Mary responded with faith, we too say, "Here we are, let it be to us." Use these offerings to further your kin-dom on earth. Empower us to be bearers of Christ's presence, bringing hope and love to our community. May our giving reflect the promise of Emmanuel, God with us, and bring light and joy in this Advent season. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 5:2-5a

HOLY CONVERSATION

What would it take for you to get focused so sharply, you could bring God's love to others?

HYMN "Away in a Manger" UMH#217
(1st stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Bill Thompson

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55

*AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Magnified" Pastor Mark Crist
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG "Joy to the World" UMH #246
TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

*OUR MISSION, OUR PURPOSE

LEADER: Our mission is ...

ALL: To provide a place for all to belong to our community, believe in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and become his disciples. Belong! Believe! Become!

POSTLUDE

Events this Week:

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship

Ringing of the Bells, sign up sheet
on Missions Bulletin Board

5:30pm Yoga

6:30pm Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:30pm Christmas Eve Service
Refreshments in the
Parlor after service!

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Merry Christmas!

No Wednesday night activities

Sunday, December 29, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

New Years Day!



24~EUDORA PETERSEN
24~DEANNA CONN
24~MARYLU FELLOWS
24~KATIE THOMPSON



LAURA CHRISTENSEN
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
AMANDA WATERMAN
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
DEB KETTERMAN, SAVANA,
LIBBY & HATCHER
FAMILY OF KEN PALMQUIST
KYLE SWENSON
DAKOTA BROCKMAN

*Prayer
Requests*

JOSH FREEBORN
JOAN KROHN
JAN NOVLAN
EFFIE PETERSEN
TERESA BENSON
STAN MCMILLAN

Attendance & Financials

	Attendance	Offering
December 1, 2024	48	\$3,241.00
December 8, 2024	46	\$865.00
December 15, 2024	87	\$2,341.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
December Offering to date:		\$6,447.00
Year-to-Date:		\$147,667.00



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December 22, 2024

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Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday

9:00-4:00pm

Friday

Closed

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Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor

Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley

Welcome to our guests!

We are glad you are here.
We hope you were blessed by
your experience at
First United Methodist Church
this morning and will tell friend.

