

Events this Week:

Sunday, December 8, 2024
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 2:00pm Advent Bible Study
 6:00pm Vespers

Monday, December 9, 2024
 5:30pm FUMC Council

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk Meal
 6:30pm Table Talk Classes

Sunday, December 15, 2024
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Children's Christmas Program
 Immediately following Worship
 Lunch and Caroling
 6:30pm Advent Bible Study

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

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 Merry Christmas!
 No Wednesday night activities

LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 AMANDA WATERMAN
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 DEB KETTERMAN, SAVANA,
 LIBBY & HATCHER
 KEN PALMQUIST
 KYLE SWENSON
 JAN NOVLAN
 JOAN KROHN

Prayer Requests

JOSH FREEBORN
 DAKOTA BROCKMAN
 EFFIE PETERSEN
 TERESA BENSON
 STAN MCMILLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9~MERL RAMSEY
 9~LORI ADE
 10~ADDIE TOWNSDIN
 10~ALISON WATERMAN
 11~BRIAN RUUD
 12~NICKIE MILDVELDT
 13~KAELYN ADE
 14~TYLER KOCHER
 14~TERESA BENSON

Attendance & Financials

	Attendance	Offering
November 17, 2024	75	\$2,067.00
November 24, 2024	49	\$2,338.00
December 1, 2024	48	\$3,241.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
December Offering to date:		\$3,241.00
Year-to-Date:		\$144,461.00

Where do you feel God needs us to represent God in Concordia, as preparation to receive God's healing presence and gift of salvation?

December 8, 2024



First United Methodist Church

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Office Hours:
 Monday — Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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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 a

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www.concordiafumc.com

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Loren Swenson

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH#220

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

PEOPLE: We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

LEADER: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

PEOPLE: We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

LEADER: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

PEOPLE: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today.

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN "Light the Advent Candle Song" UMH#2090
(Second stanza only)
Lawrence Family

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

JOYS, CONCERNS & GOD SIGHTINGS
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ANTHEM "Lullaby on the Wind" Renata Knox, Choir Director

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"But you say, 'How have we deceived you?' With your tenth-part gifts and offerings. You are being cursed with a curse, and you, the entire nation, are robbing me. Bring the whole tenth-part to the storage house so there might be food in my house."

~ Malachi 3:8b-10

TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, in this Advent season, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your call. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, may our gifts help prepare the way for your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and transformation. Help us to look beyond the surface, to see your work in surprising places and people. Bless our giving, that it may shine with the presence of Emmanuel. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:3-11

HOLY CONVERSATION

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HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" UMH#191 (1st stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Angie Gabel McConkey

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

*AFFIRMATION

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

MESSAGE "The Feather Effect" Pastor Mark Crist
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG "Heralds of Christ" UMH#567 (Stanzas 1-3)
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