

☞ Welcome Visitors ☞

Welcome to First Church! We are privileged to have you attend our church and grateful that you chose to worship with us. May you be moved and enriched by the Spirit and know you are among friends. Here is a list of some resources available to you this morning:

- ✦ Children's activity packs are located at the entrances and rear of the sanctuary
- ✦ Nursery childcare (under three years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the check-in childcare greeter desk)
- ✦ Infants in service are welcome! A Comfort Corner location is available, if desired (ask an usher for directions).
- ✦ Wee Worship (ages three through five) & Kids Worship (ages six through 5th grade) follow the Children's Message at the 10:45 Service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship in Room 118. Kids Worship in Room 216.
- ✦ For hearing assistance, wireless receivers are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Large print hymnals available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ✦ Seat cushions for the pews are available at the Sound Desk located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Daily Bible Study

November 27	Take Refuge in the Lord	Psalm 118:1-9
November 28	The Lord, My Strength and Salvation	Psalm 118:10-14
November 29	A Blessing Promised to All Peoples	Acts 3:22-26
November 30	Your Faith Saved You	Luke 7:44-49
December 1	Contrasting Responses by Jews and Gentiles	Acts 13:44-49
December 2	Beggar Requests Alms	Acts 3:1-10
December 3	Repent and Believe in Jesus	Acts 3:11-21

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Lisa Aronson
 Liturgist Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Acolyte Gavin Smith (8:15); Emily Hammaker (10:45)
 Organist Seth Wickenheiser
 Accompanists Michal Foursevitch—Sanctuary Choir
 Sound & Media Michael Garman & Jim Murdoch (8:15); Holly Kurten & Jim Murdoch (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter . Barb Klingensmith
 Worship Greeter TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers: Kelly King, Sarah Jones (8:15); Shell Spencer, TBD (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45)..... Brandy Zimmerman, Vicky Shambaugh
 Kids Worship (10:45)..... Tracy & Bob Wertz



Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

- December 3 1st Sunday in Advent** Worship, Holy Communion 8:15 & 10:45 am
 "Refocus" ~ Mark 13:24-37
 Service of Hope and Remembrance 7 pm
- December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent** Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
 "Be Restored" ~ Mark 1:1-8
 Night in Bethlehem 4 pm ~ Special Needs participants
 5:15 pm ~ General Public
- December 17 3rd Sunday in Advent** Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
 "Reconnect" ~ John 1:6-8, 19-28
 Pot-Luck Dinner & Christmas Caroling 5 pm
- December 21** Little Friend's Nursery School Christmas Program
 9:15 am
- December 24 4th Sunday in Advent** Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
 "Rejoice" ~ Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve Worship Services "Restart" ~ Luke 2:1-20
 5 pm ~ *Family Service* ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Will conclude with candle lighting.

8 pm ~ *Service of Christmas Eve Simplicity* ~ Designed as a quiet, prayerful service for individuals and families. Simplicity marks this service with instrumental music, Communion, Prayer Time and a brief candle lighting service.

11 pm ~ *Festival Service of Light and Wonder* ~ Includes Holy Communion, lessons and carols, music by our choirs, and candle-lighting.

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors



November 26, 2017

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Rev. John Shellenberger

Sunday Services

Worship 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

~ I Corinthians 3:11

PRELUDE..... "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
"who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

People: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

Leader: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Amen.

*HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57 (vs 1-4,7)
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.

*CHORUS..... "There's Something About That Name"No. 171

*PASSING THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

*PRAYER HYMN "O How I Love Jesus"No. 170

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY..... "The Whole Armor of God"by Todd Kendall

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

*OFFERING PRAYER

ANTHEM..... "Worship the King, Our God"..... Sanctuary Choir
Words by Robert Grant, Music arr. by Andy Albritton and Dave Black

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SERMON "Seeing Clearly: Christ as King"Lisa Aronson

*HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE..... "The Trumpets of Heaven" by David Paxton

**Please stand as able.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

☪ Children's Sunday School ☪

- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children's Department. Check in with the greeter who will guide you to your child's room.

☪ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☪

Middle School: B003
High School: Youth Lounge

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (B001A, off Youth Lounge) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. In a 6 week DVD series, Kyle Idleman will help us to prepare for Christmas in a study called "The Christmas Experience". Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Find yourself in one of these characters, and learn what happened then, changes everything now.
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying the book of Malachi.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

For information on adult Bible studies held during the week and other small-group opportunities contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

WELCOME AND PRAYER

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"The Old Rugged Cross (I Am Free)"

"Be Thou My Vision"

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

MORNING PRAYER

*PRAYER HYMN "O How I Love Jesus"No. 170

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... "At Your Feet"Junior Choir

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SERMON "Seeing Clearly: Christ as King"Lisa Aronson

*CLOSING SONG

"Days of Elijah"

*BLESSING

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*

Advent Sermon Series

"Unwrapping Christmas: Making the Most of This Wonderful Time of Year"

One of the great joys of this season is giving and receiving gifts. It's a joy to receive a gift. You hold the carefully wrapped package in your hands. You observe its shape and size. You feel how heavy it is and even shake it trying to imagine what might be inside. You read the tag, searching for clues. Then, at last, you tear it open to discover what's inside! It's a joy to give a gift, too. You can't wait to see the reaction of the one opening that carefully chosen present.

Amid the joys of this "season of giving," we are invited to unwrap other gifts, gifts more valuable than anything you can find under the tree. Join us each week for worship as we unwrap the Good News of Great Joy and discover how to make the most of this wonderful time of year.