

☞ 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 (pagery 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

December 4	Joshua Discerned as New Leader	Deuteronomy 31:14-15, 23; 34:9
December 5	Eli Senses God's Call to Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-9
December 6	Test the Spirits	1 John 4:1-6
December 7	Blind Man Discerns Jesus as Prophet	John 9:13-17
December 8	Paul's Strategy: Jews First, Then Greeks	Romans 1:8-12, 16-17
December 9	Door of Faith Opened to Gentiles	Acts 14:21-28
December 10	Spirit-Filled Leadership Discernment	Acts 13:1-12

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger (8:15); Lisa Aronson (10:45)
 Acolyte TBD (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Organist Tom Mullikin
 Accompanists Karin Philp—Sounds of Worship
 Michal Foursevitch—Sanctuary Choir
 Sound & Media Michael Garman & Ron Nichols

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter .Donna Nichols
 Worship Greeter Pam Van Kirk (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, TBD, Kendyl Swank (8:15),
 Patti Herring, Janet Almond (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45)..... Deb Karns, TBD, Liam Smith
 Kids Worship (10:45) Janice & John Bowen, Leah Krnjaic



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*



*1st Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 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..... "How Lovely are the Messengers" Mendelssohn

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT Pastor John & Merri
(See center panel)

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*PRAYER HYMN "People, Look East" No. 202
(Please use your hymnal. Words will not be projected)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY..... "Joy to the World" Handbell Choir

*OFFERING RESPONSE..... "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" No. 2100 (vs 1)
(Words will be projected on the screen)

*OFFERING PRAYER

ANTHEM..... "The Wonder of His Love" Sounds of Worship
by Douglas Wagner

*THE GOSPEL..... Mark 13:24-37 NT Page 50

SERMON "Refocus" Pastor Keller
First in the Series: "Christmas Unwrapped"

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON No. 12

*PASSING THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING..... No. 13-14

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN..... "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE..... "Break Forth Into Joy" Simper

**Please stand as able.*

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT (Responsively)

All [sung]: "O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear." No. 211 (verse 1)

Leader: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort,
we see all that is wrong and wonder where
you are.

People: **We are a broken people, unable to work
together for our common good. We cannot
see or hear each other even within our own
families and communities.**

Leader: We are a suffering world, our nations are filled
with conflict and violence. The fragile earth cries
out with longing for redemption.

People: **We, God's people, long for God's presence,
saying with the prophet: "If only you would
tear open the heavens and come down!"
(Isaiah 64:1, CEB)**

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle
to remind us of our longing that God will come
into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort
and healing.

Light a candle

All [sung]: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel."

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



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT
(See center panel)

Erno Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"Great Are You Lord"
"Lord I Need You"

PRAYER

*PRAYER HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

OFFERING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Blessed Are the Ones Who Wait for You" Sanctuary Choir
Words by David Foley and Julie L/ Myers, Music by David Foley

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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COMMUNION SONG

"O Come to the Altar"

*CLOSING SONG

"Adore Him"

*BLESSING

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

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.*