

We have some special treats coming up on our Wednesday evenings during Advent. Please consider joining us!

**Wednesday, November 28:**

"The Angels at the Manger"  
led by Fran Waterbury

**Wednesday, December 5:**

"The Shepherds at the Manger"  
led by Roger Bailey

**Wednesday, December 12:**

"The Three Magi"- a Christmas program by special guests from Central Baptist. We will meet in the sanctuary for this dramatic presentation.

**Wednesday, December 19:** No adult meal or programming. Children and youth will have a Christmas party at the Skate Inn.

The Early Learning Center & FUMC invite you to the 7th annual 5K Reindeer Run & Santa Stroll

Sunday, December 2

3:45 100 yard dash for children 9 & under

4:00 5K begins

This is a certified course through the Tree Streets. The course is FAST & FLAT!

www.1stchurchjc.org for more info  
Register at www.runtricity.org

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER 18-24, 2018**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

9:00-Noon UMW Bake Sale-Parlor

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

3:30 Youth Council Mentor Gathering

4:30 Children & Youth Activities

5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper

6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

3:30 High School Tutoring

7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

4:00 High School Tutoring

4:30 Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Thanksgiving Day

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Church office & ELC closed

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt  
**GREETERS:** Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Ann Mohap, Sharon Cradic  
**PRAYER:** Johnny Qualls **CROSSBEARER:** Claudia Davidson  
**ACOLYTE:** Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**November 18, 2018**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Carter

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather today to praise God— our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

**People: We gather knowing that in all things, God's love and faithfulness will endure.**

Leader: We gather in full confidence of the gospel's message of grace and salvation.

**People: We gather to encourage and support each other, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to learn to be God's instruments of grace in our community.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Father, we confess that we allow many things to keep us from living our faith.

**People: Sometimes we allow greed and fear to stifle our generosity,**

Leader: and social pressure to silence our witness,

**People: and busyness to snuff out our prayers,**

Leader: and love of ease to discourage our service,

**People: and laziness to keep us from sharing,**

Leader: and pride to limit our love,

**People: and self-centeredness to freeze our compassion.**

Leader: Whatever it is, Lord, that is keeping us from practicing our faith,

**People: may we leave it behind, and follow You.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In this be confident: that whatever we sacrifice for the sake of Christ will be rewarded beyond our fondest hopes. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life in Him. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 10:11-25

**MORNING PRAYER AND 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**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Jesus Messiah" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "We Gather Together" Arr. Carter

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 13:1-8

**ANTHEM**

"The Earth is the Lord's"

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.*

*All creatures who live on the earth are the Lord's. Alleluia!*

*For who can rightly ascend the hill of the Lord,*

*And who may enter His house to hear His word?*

*The pure in heart and hand; such are the people of God, who understand.*

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Alleluia!*

**SERMON**

"Jesus, the High Priest"

Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations!*

*Son of God and Son of man!*

*Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.*

**POSTLUDE**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Arr. Carter

**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

Holiday Taste of First Methodist will be December 9 from 4:30 to 6:00

Amazon Shoppers! Support FUMC or the ELC through Amazon Smile. At no charge to you, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases once you choose us as your favorite charity. To sign up, go to smile.amazon.com, log in to your Amazon account, and follow the instructions. To find the church, type "first 37604" in the search box. From there you can select FUMC or ELC. Every time you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will make a donation! Thank you!! Every little bit makes a difference in our work in God's Kingdom.

Our annual **Christmas Shopping Day** for the church children is coming up on December 9. The kids get so excited about being able to buy gifts for their loved ones at a minimal cost! Please help us make this possible by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Please leave any items for donation in the Open Door Classroom. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Janine Berning at 534-7823.

If you are interested in serving as a greeter before the 10:30 worship service, please contact Brian Rosecrance. We are in need of more friendly faces to welcome visitors and members on Sunday mornings!

We are still collecting donations of winter outerwear for Clare's Closet. The collection box is located in the connector.

November 18, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer list:**

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| Betty & Aldon Speer               | Rev. David Neel       |
| Barbara Marrs                     | Jim Paveglio          |
| Elizabeth Bailey                  | Cody Hammond          |
| Ralph & Joan Garland              | Joe Campbell          |
| Nancy Jewell                      | Mitch Link            |
| Bobbie Wells                      | Michael Harrell       |
| Elizabeth Wells                   | Sharyn Lessly         |
| Clare Warren & parents            | Jane Wilhoit Anderson |
| Catherine Cartus                  | Nancy Wilhoit Norris  |
| Tom Palmer                        | Emily Hawkins         |
| Kevin Jones                       | Christy Cagle         |
| Carrie Denny                      | Beth Minutolo         |
| Bob & Dee Lentz                   | Betty McGaha          |
| Carolyn Wood                      | Steve Holmes          |
| Sue Speer                         | Phil & Donna Pipkin   |
| LaMarr Talley                     | Vivian Eckerson       |
| Evelyn Moore                      | Clare May             |
| Jo Cross                          | Tina Morrison         |
| Edna Johnson                      | Oliver Johnson        |
| Jerry & Judy Rust                 | G. G. Kiine           |
| Bill & Mary McClellan             | Brenda Logan          |
| Brian Milby                       | Terry Ponder          |
| Gary J. Harkins                   | Martha Ozment         |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | James Holloway        |
| Frannie Knouse                    | Louise Scott          |
|                                   | Marsha Pierce         |

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education for the Red Bird Mission School in Beverly, KY. The collection box is located in the connector.