

**WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !**

*"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."  
--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation*

**For Your Information:**

**Restrooms** are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the **CONNECT-OR; TOP FLOOR**; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS DEC 27, 2015 10:30 AM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**PRELUDE AND ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christmas Day came and is now fading from our memory.

**People: But the Baby born to be our Savior lives on.**

Leader: The gifts we gave and received are all opened and put away.

**People: But our God, Who came to love us, keeps on giving.**

Leader: The world's observance is over.

**People: But we, the church, still celebrate.**

Leader: If we listen, we can still hear the angels' song.

**People: We hear, we remember, and we lift our voices with theirs in singing praise to the newborn King.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **No. 240**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Leader: Our Father, It's only a few days after Christmas and we are beginning to struggle.

**People: We have been reminded of Your great love in the**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY DEC 27, 2015 - JAN 2, 2016**

**SUNDAY, DEC 27**

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship Service  
5:30p Children/Youth Snack Supper  
5:30p Connections Pillar Meeting  
6:15p Evening Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 30**

No Wednesday Night Meal  
or Program  
No Chancel Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, DEC 31**

Church Office Closed

**MONDAY, DEC 28**

11:00a Full Staff Meeting  
7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36  
7:00p Worship Pillar Meeting  
8:00p College/Young Adult Group

**FRIDAY, JAN 1**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY, DEC 29**

4:00p Program Staff Meeting

***SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY 12/27:***

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan Leclair

**GREETERS:** Dale & Karen Schmitt, Bill McClellan,  
Bonnie Sampson, Sharon Cradic

**PRAYER:** Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

**ACOLYTE:** Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Ethan Morelock

*Please sign the red attendance registration sheet  
in the red folder located at one end of each pew.*

**birth of Your Son, Jesus. We have enjoyed family and friends. We have felt the joy of sharing with others in need. But now the world is calling us back to "normalcy," and it is hard in the "normal" times to keep our eyes focused on You.**

Leader: Forgive us when we forget the warmth of Christmas and the joy of loving and serving.

**People: Give us the will and courage to live as people of the light in every season. Give us the warmth of Your presence, and strengthen us daily for joyful service in Your name.**

*(A time for personal reflection)*

Leader: In the stillness, feel the presence of God in this place, warming our hearts, forgiving our sins, calming our fears, and preparing us for service in His name. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: Through Jesus Christ, born in human flesh, we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Colossians 3:12-17

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Which 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** "What Child is This?" **No. 219**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#94**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:41-52

**ANTHEM** "Manger Carol"

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay the undefiled, to the world a stranger:  
Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of every race who have found His favor.  
Gently Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger:

Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!  
Infant holy, infant lowly for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

**SERMON**

Steve Reis

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

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!. Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**\*A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*The Chancel Flowers are presented to the glory of God  
and in honor of the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kathleen and Calvin Garland  
by Donna and Steve Robbins*

A Reminder Note from our Treasurer:

- Please keep in mind that December 31 is the deadline for 2015 giving. Last-minute gifts will be credited toward 2015 if one of the following criteria is met:
- Mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before December 31.
- Gifts through bill payment services must have payment dates on or before December 31.
- Gifts through online giving must have donation date of December 31 or earlier.



*The First Church Family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to  
Friends and Family  
in the recent loss of Jean Brobeck*



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Clare Warren & family	Judy Cook	Darrell Wayne Tilson
Jane Eddy and her parents	Tom and Shirley Palmer	Helen Tilson
Bonnie and Clay Marrs	Carroll Waterbury	Jim Brant
Amy Dryburgh	Mark Dollar	Nancy Jewell
Bobbie Wells	Mary McClellan	Jessica Higginbotham
Aldon and Betty Speer	Barbara Marrs	Friends and Families of
Chuck Short and family	Sue Zabala	Martha Hauff
Sue McGaha	Linda Stanley	Jean Brobeck
Jaimee Norman	Capt. Chris Carin, US Army	Dillon Agenes
Vivian Eckerson	Jerry Elliot	