

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

December 13, 2017 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Ham, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Advent study, led by Bill Carter

Reservations by Tuesday 12/12 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_Adults & children over 12

\_\_\_Children age 3-11 (meal above)

\_\_\_Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

\_\_\_to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: this year all meals will be paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

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



**Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 10/31/17**

Revenues	415,933
Operating Expenses	460,833
Surplus/(Deficit)	(44,901)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER 10-16, 2017**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
 4:30 Taste of First Methodist  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

6:00 Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

5:00 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 Circle of Hope Christmas Party

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program

6:15 Children's Choir  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

5:30 ELC Christmas Program  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution  
 10:30 Christmas Cantata Practice  
 1:00 Tour of Downtown Johnson City churches  
 6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap  
**GREETERS:** Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Ann Mohap, Sharon Cradic  
**PRAYER:** Katie Walker **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell  
**ACOLYTE:** Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic

**First United Methodist Church**

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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**

**December 10, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates" Arr. Wilbur Held

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN**

Merry Christmas Baby Jesus  
 Away in a Manger  
 Rise Up Shepherds and Follow

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

Leader: Merciful God of love, we hear the prophet's voice, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Be with us as we celebrate during this Advent season.

**People: As we search for that perfect gift, remind us of those who will receive no gift.**

Leader: As we plan for our holiday party, remind us of those who sit forgotten and alone.

**People: As we admire our tree in the safety of our home, remind us of those who search for a place to lay their heads.**

Leader: As we prepare the family feast, remind us of those whose table is bare.

**People: As we merrily make our holiday plans, remind us of the frightened, the ill, the grieving, and the depressed who desperately need a kind word and gentle touch.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when in our busyness, we lose sight of a poor baby in a manger.

**People: Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that what we do for others we do for You. Teach us to bear Your message of hope, and peace, and love as we follow You in this troubled and darkened world.**

(a time for reflection)

Leader: Our Holy God comes to us, surrounds us with grace, and calls us to abundant life. Hear and remember the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Peter 3:8-15

**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** "Open the Eyes of My Heart/Righteousness" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "The Huron Carol" Arr. Joseph Martin

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Mark 1:1-8

**ANTHEM** "Rise, O People, and Bring Good News"

*Rise, o people, and bring good news; go on up to the mountain.  
Share the message and bring with you powerful singing and shouting.  
Lift your voice and do not fear. Share it boldly, strong and clear.  
Tell the cities until they hear, "Come behold the Lord your God."  
  
Comfort, comfort my people now. Speak to them so tender.  
You are pardoned with graceful power, and your warfare is ended.  
Hear the prophet rise to say, "For the Lord prepare the way!  
Make the highway broad and straight. See the glory of the Lord."*

*He shall feed His beloved flock like a faithful shepherd.  
Drawing close into His arms, wandering lambs He'll gather.  
As the shepherd comes to feed, all the young He'll gently lead.  
He will care for all their need in His fold forever.*

*Earth awaits the holy day full of expectation.  
Hear God's people call and pray, "Lord, bring us salvation."  
Open wide the earthly gate. See the Lord for whom we wait.  
As He comes, we'll celebrate., full of celebration.  
As He comes, we'll behold our God.*

**SERMON** "Prepare the Way for the Lord" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 218

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**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 FUMC**

The annual Holiday Taste of FUMC will be tonight from 4:30-6:00 pm. It will be a night of fellowship and giving to support our Food Pantry. Please consider bringing jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers (4 sleeves of crackers per box) or monetary donations. Hope to see you there!

The Security Team will meet Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 in the Open Door classroom.

**Friendly reminder:** if you are not able to gain access to the church via the connector door fingerprint scanner, you can use the key pad at each scanner to page someone in the church. Press 1 for the church office between 9 and noon; at other times or if no one answers, press 2 for an ELC staff person. If you need your finger scanned, or if your fingerprint is not working consistently, contact Kathie Battista (ELC director). Thanks. It's for safety. And please do not prop doors open or leave them unlocked.

**Divine Rhythm**

Divine Rhythm is a spiritual-renewal opportunity for young adults in Holston Conference. The event is designed for people ages 18 to 35 and will take place in Gatlinburg from January 26-28. Please contact Steve Reis by December 17 if you are interested.

**Did You Forget to Turn in Your Pledge Card?**

To date, the church has received 55 pledge cards. Our yearly average of pledge cards is 75. If you haven't turned yours in, it's not too late. Just drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you don't normally turn one in but give financially to the church, please fill one out with your intentions, even if it is a minimum that you expect to share with the church ministries. This helps us considerably as we plan for programs in 2018. You may pick up a copy of a pledge card on the table in the narthex.

Thank you,  
The Stewardship Committee

December 10, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

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

**Prayer list:**  
Betty & Aldon Speer  
Mary McClellan  
Kristy Hodge Pratt  
Barbara Marrs  
Elizabeth Bailey  
Harold & Nannie Greene  
Dot Woodby  
Mack Peterson  
Ralph & Joan Garland  
Nancy Jewell  
Bobbie Wells  
Marian Cocke  
Elizabeth Wells  
Willie Hughes  
Clare Warren & parents  
Howard Smith  
Catherine Cartus  
Tom Palmer  
Carrol Waterbury  
Kevin Jones  
Carrie Denny  
Janie Peterson  
Bob & Dee Lentz  
Carolyn Wood  
Joan Tansil  
Bobby & Viola Seay  
Sue Speer  
Jo Cross  
Our church  
Our nation  
Kim Church  
LaMarr Talley  
Evelyn Moore  
Beth Woodby & family  
Steve Holmes  
Donna Royston  
Vicky Coffman

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. The cost is \$12 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_