

**Prayer list:**

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| Margaret Mohap      | April Hamilton              |
| The Arnold family   | Cash Hicks                  |
| Eric Perkins        | Helen Holyfield             |
| Lanita Salem        | Ralph & Joan Garland        |
| Betty & Aldon Speer | Nancy Jewell                |
| Mary McClellan      | Calvin Garland              |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt  | Bobbie Wells                |
| Grier Washam        | Sharyn Lessly               |
| Carolyn Adsit       | Megan Smith & family        |
| Haywood & family    | Catherine Cartus            |
| Kristy Foster       | Kyle Cook-McCrory           |
| Jean Thayer         | Kerry Loche                 |
| Barbara Marrs       | Layla & Teddy               |
| Clay&BonnieMarrs    | Irene Brown & Rene & Joshua |
| Elizabeth Bailey    | Bernice Stephens            |
| Brian Milby         | Trygve Thayer               |
| Kim Slade           | Jo Ann Rorrer               |
| Aubrey Pack         | Jessica Higginbotham        |
| Anonymous           | Dottie Woodby               |
| Harold Greene       | Linda Stanley               |

December 25, 2016 Prayer Requests

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

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair  
**GREETERS:** Grier Washam, Ernie Cross, Betty Gouge, Sharon Cradic  
**PRAYER:** Cathy Peeples    **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson    **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****DECEMBER 25-31, 2016**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
10:30 Combined Worship Service  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
Church office and ELC closed  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers—gym

**From the Treasurer:**

As you plan your year-end giving, please note the following deadlines for contributions to be recorded as 2016 gifts. Keep in mind that December 31 falls on a Saturday and January 1 on a Sunday.

-Checks must be received in the church office or postmarked no later than **December 31**. Gifts received in the January 1 offering will be recorded in 2017 regardless of the date on the check.

-Gifts made through the church's online payment service or through your bank's online bill pay service must have payment dates no later than **December 31**.

Please contact Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer, if you have questions.

**First United Methodist Church****900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604**

Worship Guide &amp; 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 25, 2016****Christmas Day****GREETING****PRELUDE****THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****\*CHRISTMAS LITANY AND HYMN OF PRAISE**

Leader: Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass which the Lord has made known unto us.

**All: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government will be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all.**

Leader: Let us go unto Bethlehem.

**All Sing: O come let us adore Him.**

Leader: Let us see what God hath made known unto us.

**All Sing: O come let us adore Him.**

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight.

**All Sing: O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION****"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
 Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.  
 O come, let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him:  
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
 O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him:  
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
 O come, let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him  
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**GOSPEL READING**

John 1:1-14

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE****"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
 Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
 With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
 Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
 Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
 Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**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 WONDER****"What Child is This"**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.  
 Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are sleeping?  
 Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

**OFFERTORY****NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Hebrews 1:1-12

**ANTHEM****"A Celtic Noel"****SERMON****"And the Glory of the Lord is Revealed"**

Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT****"Joy to the World"**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
 Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing...  
 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...  
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love...

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
 Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Elizabeth Wells has given a poinsettia in memory of Jack Wells.

Coming on January 11, 2017: a Wednesday Night study of **The Parables of Jesus**. This nine week study will be taught by various members and teachers from our congregation. Mark your calendars for this insightful look at these special verses of Scripture and please join us!