

Tour of Churches

December 1 is a significant day in the life of our Johnson City community! We will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary that Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in nearby King Commons. The celebration will include the first lighting of a commissioned art piece, placing contents in a time capsule, portraying important historical figures– and sharing cupcakes! Immediately following the celebration, downtown churches will host a Tour of Churches, starting with St. John's at 3:00 and moving through Central Baptist (3:20), Munsey (3:40), Downtown Christian (4:00), First United Methodist (4:20), and First Presbyterian (4:40.) Participants will spend approximately 20 minutes at each location to enjoy the hospitality of neighbors.

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office by December 15. Cost is \$10 each.

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In honor of _____

Total number ordered _____

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 24-30, 2019

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:30 Staff Meeting
6:00 Outreach Committee
7:00 Circle of Hope

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Church office & ELC closed

Our children and younger youth will present their Christmas play next Sunday during the 10:30 worship service. They have been working hard to prepare for the past few months!

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Alan LeClair, Art Eckerson
GREETERS: Chris & Katie Keinath*, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Ben & Cathy Peeples, Karen & Dale Schmitt (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Abraunya Roe

ACOLYTE: Lydia Ihfe **BEADLE:** Lily Ihfe

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 blue registration pad at one end of each pew.
Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover. Please help yourself to any of these materials.

If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary.

We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2019

Christ the King Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God, today we celebrate the only ruler to whom we can give undivided loyalty:

People: We celebrate Jesus of Nazareth, who is Christ the King.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has chosen us and abides with us.

People: Blessed be Jesus Christ, who liberated us from sin, that we might fearlessly serve God with deeds of holiness and justice all the days of our lives.

Leader: Behold the King!

People: With humility and gratitude, we bow down and worship.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

No. 715

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

People: We confess that we are hesitant to bow before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule over our lives.

Leader: We give allegiance to the powers of this world.

People: We fail to be governed by justice and love.

Leader: We have allowed self to blind us, and pains to embitter us.

People: We have forgotten that whatsoever we do to one of the least of Your children, we do to You.

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive us.

People: Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing You.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. God's love frees us from the world's bondage, and allows us to live, love, and serve. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to our God and King. AMEN

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:1-5, 15-20

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 "You Are My King" Words on Screen

THANKS (FOR) GIVING

Children 2nd grade & younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children's Church.

OFFERTORY "Fantasy on Holy Manna"

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 22:1-2, 9-20, 23:1-3

ANTHEM

"Holy Lord"

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Who was, and is, and is to come!

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;

Worthy to receive praise and honor and blessing!

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord. Glory to the Lord God Almighty.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord. Glory to the Lord God Almighty.

Who was, and is, and is to come!

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

SERMON

"If"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"The Voice of God is Calling"

No. 436

(sung to the tune "Lancashire")

***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.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

Sunday, December 8 4:00-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

A night of gathering & giving to support the Food Pantry

Bring a treat to share! And support our Food Pantry by bringing jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers (4 sleeves per box), toilet tissue, small easily opened canned food, or monetary contributions.

It is time to prepare for our annual Christmas Shopping Day for the church children. Because of your kindness, last year over 40 happy and excited children went home with handpicked, wrapped gifts to give their loved ones. Please help us make this possible again this year by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Children's Shopping Day will be on December 15th from 3:30-5:30. Please leave any items for donation in the empty classroom on the left just before entering the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to get involved or have questions please contact Janine Berning at (423)534-7823.

November 24, 2019 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Barbara Marrs | Gary Roberts |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Brian & Linda Murphey |
| Nancy Jewell | Noah Cook |
| Elizabeth Wells | Lou Thornberry |
| Catherine Cartus | Lori Jones |
| Tom Palmer | Ellen Ferguson |
| Kevin Jones | Denver Parrett |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Luke Holmes |
| LaMarr Talley | Nancy Wells |
| Evelyn Moore | Ken Diehl |
| Jo Cross | Beverly Flanigan |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Maj. Mathew Gofsteyn |
| Gary J. Harkins | Reed Davis |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Eddie Deakins |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Lori Marriott |
| Jane Wilhoit Anderson | The Gouge family |
| Betty McGaha | Patricia Brantley |
| Steve Holmes | Susan Gray |
| Steve Wilkinson | Caroline Gouge |
| Rev. Bill Carter | |

Our guest pianist today is

Lisa Runner.

Camp Bays Mtn. is offering Christmas Camp! Overnight camp is 6:00 pm Dec. 13-7:00 pm Dec.14 for grades 3-12 (cost is \$75.) Day camp is Dec. 14 8:30 am-7:00 pm for grades 1-12 (cost is \$50.) Scholarships are available. For more information, visit www.campbaysmountain.com/christmas-camp