

Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 4, 2019 5:45 pm

Menu: Soup, chili, slaw, cornbread, salad bar, dessert

Program: Advent: The Rest of the Story About Christmas Carols

Reservations by Tuesday, 12/3 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: All meals are 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), 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**.

Capital Campaign Update

Please prayerfully consider additional donations.

Campaign Goal	\$150,000
Total Donations (6/23-11/17)	\$74,962
Needed to Meet Goal	\$75,038

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR
DECEMBER 1-7, 2019**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
3:00 Downtown Tour of Churches
4:30 Children & Youth Activities
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30 Staff Meeting
6:00 Friendship Class Party
6:00 Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:15 Youth Choir
5:00 Guitar Class
5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program
6:15 Children & Youth Activities
7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 Circle of Faith- Conference Rm.
6:00 Wayfinders
6:30 Finance Committee

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 Circle of Friends Christmas Party

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

GREETERS: Betty Gouge*, Tegan & Wayne Goins, Ernie Cross, Jenny Haun(*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Judy Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

ACOLYTE: Lydia 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

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Gabriel's Message" Arr. Michael Bedford

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Bill & Sharon Herzer
Sean, Kendal, Quinn, & Lennox Eden

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

THE CASE OF THE RELUCTANT INNKEEPER
By Ruth Ellen Schram and Mark Cabaniss

No Vacancy Angels in the Sky
Change Things Around All Because of Bethlehem
Joy to the World/Change Things Around

Judge Judy Justice Gabby Greer
Sam Shepherd Sammi Uelhof
Heehaw A. Donkey Lydia Ihfe
Malachi Mutton Elliot Nelson
Benjamin Holiday Kaylien Skeen
Clerk #1 Makinley Bryant
Clerk #2 Brooklyn Sines
Clerk #3 Arianna Cook
Jury Aliyah Braddy, Lily Ihfe, Justin Johnston, Joey Johnston, Mallory Jones, Aaliyah Jones, Ka'Shawna Lawrence, Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire, Claire Wardeska-McGuire

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Away in a Manger" No. 217
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 "The Wexford Carol" Arr. Rebecca Bonham

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:5-23

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Leader: Hail to the Lord's anointed,

People: great David's greater Son.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to help His people and has given them freedom.

People: He has given us a powerful Savior from the family of God's servant David.

Leader: He said that He would do this through His holy prophets who lived long ago:

People: He promised He would save us from our enemies and from the power of all those who hate us.

Leader: He said He would give mercy to our ancestors and that He would remember His holy promise.

People: God promised Abraham, our father, that He would save us from the power of our enemies so we could serve Him without fear, being holy and good before God as long as we live.

Leader: Now you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

People: You will go before the Lord to prepare His way.

Leader: You will make His people know that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven.

People: With the loving mercy of our God, a new day from heaven will dawn upon us.

Leader: It will shine on those who live in darkness, in the shadow of death.

People: It will guide us into the path of peace.

HOMILY "Prepare the Way" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

***HYMN OF HOPE** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213
 Verses 1, 2, & 3

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
 Eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to Thy name.*

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.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ellen Ferguson, who passed away on November 30.

The new Chrismon tree in the sanctuary was graciously donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey.

The Johnson City Downtown Tour of Churches takes place this afternoon as part of the city's sesquicentennial celebration. It begins at 3:00 at St. John's Episcopal and moves to Central Baptist at 3:20, Munsey at 3:40, Downtown Christian at 4:00, FUMC at 4:20, and First Presbyterian at 4:40.

Church family- have you had a change of address, phone number, or email? We want to keep in contact with you! Please notify the church office at 928-9222 or office@1stchurchjc.org of any changes so that we can update our records. Thank you!

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.

December 1, 2019 Prayer Requests
 Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

 Requested by _____

- Prayer list:**
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| Barbara Marrs | Steve Wilkinson |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Rev. Bill Carter |
| Nancy Jewell | Gary Roberts |
| Elizabeth Wells | Noah Cook |
| Catherine Cartus | Lou Thornberry |
| Tom Palmer | Lori Jones |
| Kevin Jones | Denver Parrett |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Luke Holmes |
| Evelyn Moore | Maj. Mathew Golsteyn |
| Jo Cross | Reed Davis |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Eddie Deakins |
| Gary J. Harkins | Lori Marriott |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | The Gouge family |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Patricia Brantley |
| Betty McGaha | Susan Gray |
| | Caroline Gouge |

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 _____