

Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 18, 2019 5:45 pm

Menu: Baked spaghetti, bread, salad bar, dessert

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

Reservations by Tuesday, 12/17 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.

Christmas Caroling

Church-wide Christmas caroling to our shut-in members will take place next Sunday, December 22. This event is for all ages! We will visit our homebound members in small groups to sing Christmas carols. Please meet at church at 3:00 if you would like to join us.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR DECEMBER 15-21, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
3:30 Children's Shopping Day
4:00 Pathfinders Class Party
4:30 Children & Youth Activities
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:30 Staff Meeting
5:00 ELC Christmas Program
6:30 Circle of Hope Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00 Wayfinders

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 Food Pantry & Clare's Closet
6:00 Scripture Study Class Party

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt

GREETERS: Mark & Polly Crowder, Pat Faber, Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Kathie Tucker **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

ACOLYTE: Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Quinn Fox

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic

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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 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" French Carol arr. By Diane Bish

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Judy Story & Fran Waterbury

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF ANTICIPATION** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirit by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease: fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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 "Watchman Tell Us of the Night" Arr. Gilbert Martin

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25

CANTICLE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Leader: We look for light but find darkness, for brightness, but walk in gloom.

People: We grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight.

Leader: If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You,

People: the night is bright as day, for darkness is as light with you.

Leader: Blessed be Your name, O God, forever. You reveal deep and mysterious things: You are light and in You is not darkness.

People: Our darkness is passing away and already the true light is shining.

HOMILY "God is With Us" Rev. Gary Ihfe

HAVE YOU HEARD? A Celtic Christmas Celebration by Joel Raney

Christmas Day in the Morning

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

I Saw Three Ships

Softly the Wind Blows

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel

Have You Heard?

Celtic Christmas Lullaby

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Holy Night Dan Mahoney

Come and Adore Him

Wexford Carol and Finale Debbie Eddy

***HYMN OF JOY** "Joy to the World" No. 246
Verses 1, 2, & 3

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.*

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.

Orchestra:

- Flute** Lisa Kleven
- Oboe** Layla Marchall
- Clarinet** Jenny Reid
- French Horn** Donna Wilkinson
Alex Uelhof
- Trumpet** Greg Simmons
Rhonda Simmons
- Percussion** Andy Holmes
Casey Brewer
- Keyboard** Susan Fields
- Narrator** Steve Reis

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Brian Milby, who passed away on November 15.

Sympathy is extended to Belle Crowder, Mark & Polly Crowder and family in the death of Jim Crowder on December 6.

Mark your calendars for Fifth Sunday Breakfast! December 29 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. Hosted by the Friendship Class.

Attention Church Leaders:

A special leadership event is scheduled for Saturday, January 11 from 9am-12pm in the fellowship hall. This event will include a time of training for leadership roles and a time of planning for our future ministry together at First Church. All members of committees and ministry pillars should plan to attend. A light breakfast and childcare will be provided.

Thank you to all the leaders for your willingness to serve the Lord through serving on committees and ministry pillars. Be in prayer for this special event, and thanks in advance for your participation. Please contact Pastor Jodie if you have questions.

December 15, 2019 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Barbara Marrs | Gary Roberts |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Noah Cook |
| Nancy Jewell | Lou Thornberry |
| Elizabeth Wells | Denver Parrett |
| Catherine Cartus | Luke Holmes |
| Tom Palmer | Reed Davis |
| Kevin Jones | Eddie Deakins |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Lori Marriott |
| Evelyn Moore | The Gouge family |
| Jo Cross | Patricia Brantley |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Susan Gray |
| Gary J. Harkins | Doris Welch |
| Magnolia Ridge | Bob McGuire |
| family of recovery | Mack & Corrine |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Ballard |
| Betty McGaha | Viola & Bobby |
| Steve Wilkinson | Seay |
| Rev. Bill Carter | Family & friends |
| | of Ethan Brown |

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—deadline is today. Cost is \$10 each.

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In honor of _____

Total number ordered _____