

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 11, 2019 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Pork loin, potatoes, green beans, bread, salad bar, dessert

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

Reservations by Tuesday, 12/10 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**.

Thanks to the First Methodist Boy Scout Troop and their leader, Bill Donaldson, for the huge number of bags of canned foods that were collected and delivered to the Food Pantry. This took a lot of work on their part and was not an easy job. We were truly blessed by your efforts and we will be able to bless others in our community with these donations.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 8-14, 2019

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
4:00 Taste of First Methodist  
4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 The Branch

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 Boy Scouts

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:30 Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
4:15 Youth Choir  
5:00 Guitar Class  
5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program  
6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
7:30 Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 Wayfinders

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:00 UMW Christmas Luncheon

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap

**GREETERS:** Joanne Peterson\*, Jamee Roberts, Bonnie Sampson,  
Ann Mohap(\*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

**PRAYER:** Finley Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Avery Nelson

**ACOLYTE:** Ellie Nelson **BEADLE:** Drew Nelson

**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic

## First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604

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 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

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

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Grady, Amy, & Chloe DeWitt  
Jay, Liz, Joe, Justin, & James Johnston

#### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

#### MORNING PRAYER

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Jesus Messiah" Words on Screen

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** "In the Bleak Midwinter" Arr. Brad Nix

**DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 1:26-38

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

Leader: The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

**People: All flesh shall see it together.**

Leader: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**People: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

Leader: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

**People: The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name.**

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**People: He has shown strength with His arm, and has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

Leader: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

**People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**

Leader: He has come to the aid of His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

**People: just as He promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."**

**ANTHEM** "Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God"

*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.  
They truth unseal, Thy love reveal.  
Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.  
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.  
Come in Thy might, send forth Thy light.  
Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.  
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God.  
For Thee we long, hear Thou our prayer.  
To Thee be glory now and evermore.*

**SERMON** "Favor With God" Rev. Gary Ihfe

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**THE 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 PROMISE** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!*

*Son of God and Son of Man!*

*Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.*

**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.**

The UMW would like to thank all those who took part in the UMW Fall Bake/ Craft Sale. Thanks to your generosity, the UMW raised over \$2,000. All proceeds will be given to the Neighborhood Center Renovation Project.

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**  
**TODAY 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 form 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 8, 2019 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Total number ordered \_\_\_\_\_