

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 8, 2020 5:45 pm

Menu: Chicken pot pie, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Introduction to Our Christian Family Tree by Adam Hamilton

Reservations by Tuesday, 1/7 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.

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!

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 5-11, 2020

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

4:30 Staff Meeting
6:00 Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 Wayfinders

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00-12:00 Leadership Training
Event

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

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

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

PRAYER: Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

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

AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



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

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Kings of Orient"

Arr. Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: The glory of God shines into our darkness.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

People: We will take the journey that leads us to the holy Child.

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

People: We are here to worship the Christ Child, the hope of the world.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The First Noel"

No. 245

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The radiance of a star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

People: Gracious God, You have given us more than a star to guide us— You have revealed Your glory and Your love in the person of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Leader: You have chosen us and shown us Your salvation. You have given us Your Spirit and called us to the fullness of abundant life and the joy of faithful service.

All: Forgive us when we fail to offer our most precious gifts to You. Forgive us when we turn away from those whose lives are darkened by pain, poverty, sorrow, and hopelessness. Forgive us when our feet journey on paths that lead us away from You. Help us to remember Your goodness, and to worship You as we share Your compassion, grace, and love to all Your people everywhere.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In human flesh, God has chosen to be with us. In the form of a Child, God’s grace is given. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and redeemed. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

MORNING PRAYER

HYMNS OF REFLECTION “Here I Am To Worship” 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 “What Child is This?” Arr. Brad Nix

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

“Born ‘Neath a Star”

Born ‘neath a star was a child so small with no shelter o’er but a drafty stall: Yet, He’d be known as the “Lord of All” born beneath a star that night.

Led by a star was a shepherd boy, after angels told him of wondrous joy; Sent down to earth as a baby boy, born beneath a star that night.

And love filled the earth at the news of the Christ child’s birth, And hope did abound that through Him peace would be found.

Led by a star were the wise men three, traveling miles and miles, the young child to see; Bringing Him gifts for a king He’d be, born beneath a star that night. (We three kings of orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.)

Under the star of a Christmas tree we still share the joy of that ancient eve When Christ was born, the “King of Peace,” born beneath a star that night.

SERMON

“By Another Road”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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 COMMITMENT** “A Star Shone Bright” Supplement No. 3051

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

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.

Attention Church Leaders:

A special leadership event is scheduled for this 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.

January 5, 2020 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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

Sympathy is extended to Dee Minutolo and family in the death of her mother, Margaret “Dee” Petty Lentz, on December 28, 2019.

The rosebud in the sanctuary this morning celebrates the birth of Samantha Kay Sams, daughter of Evan & Liz Sams, who was born December 17, 2019.

She is the granddaughter of Bill & Leslie Sams and Sharon & Larry Daugherty.