

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ November 27: Jr. High Movie-11:30
- ◆ November 29: Bible Study-1:00
- ◆ November 30: Wednesday Nighter-5:45
- ◆ December 4: play rehearsal-11:30
- ◆ December 6: Bible Study-1:00, Church Council-6:00
- ◆ December 7: Wednesday Nighter-5:45
- ◆ December 10: Women's Christmas Brunch-10:00, play rehearsal-10:00
- ◆ December 11: Children's Christmas Play-10:30, Taste of First-4:00

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and hors d'oeuvre to share.

## Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of November, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper and laundry detergent. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Katie Walker

## Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Erma Budd  
Rhett Byrne  
Catherine Cartus  
Marian Cocke  
Ryan Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Eric Davidson  
Jackie Denny  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Courtney Eddy  
Peggy Eddy  
Phyllis Eorgan  
Ray Feagins  
Jim Furches  
Cecil Green  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Kay Haga  
Mendy Hall  
Beverly Harris  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Nancy Honeycutt  
The Hrenda family  
Kathy Huff  
Scott Huff  
The Ihfe Family  
Joyce Josie  
Wiley Keller  
Mike Kellum  
Mary Anne King  
Pam King  
Linda Kostreva  
Sally Lee  
Luanne Love  
Barbara Marrs  
David McElveen  
Kent & Midge Merrill  
Jim Milliken  
Family of Kelly Mohr  
Johnny Moore  
Family of Rick Norman  
Jared Pack  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Tim Riddle  
Libby Roberts  
Steven Schmidt  
Louise Scott  
Ed Searcey  
Family of Brad Simpson  
Donna Smith  
Family of Nancy Stevenson  
Larry Street & family  
Sue Tabbert  
Urrea Family  
Chloe Vanhuss  
Katie Walker  
Anna Grace West  
Billie Williams  
Brittney Williams & baby  
Family Promise  
Brother's Keeper  
US Military & families  
Ukraine  
Manna House  
Kairos Ministry  
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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Things First

**Prelude** "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Arr. Mark Hayes

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** "View the Present with the Promise" #3048

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** Our Father, during this Advent Season, protect us from, and forgive us for the sins which are so common at this time.

**People:** We confess to the sin of greed, for we are too often swept away by the commercialism of Christmas.

**Leader:** We confess to the sin of exclusiveness, for we act too often as though Christ came only for us.

**People:** We confess to the sin of cynicism, for we are too often blinded by the holiday lights, and fail to slow down and show respect for what is sacred.

**Leader:** We confess to the sin of failing to communicate words of love in this time when Your love and joy should be our first thought.

**People:** We confess to the sin of anger and impatience, for we permit ourselves to be upset by the pressures and frustrations of the season. For these and our other sins of Advent, we ask for Your protection and forgiveness.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

**Leader:** God hears our prayers and looks on us with mercy. Our hope is in God's unending faithfulness. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People:** God's love is made known in Christ Jesus, and through Him our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 5:1-12

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Reflection** "Glory, Let There be Peace" On Screen

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology** #94

**New Testament Reading** Luke 2:8-14

**Anthem** "Celtic Noel"

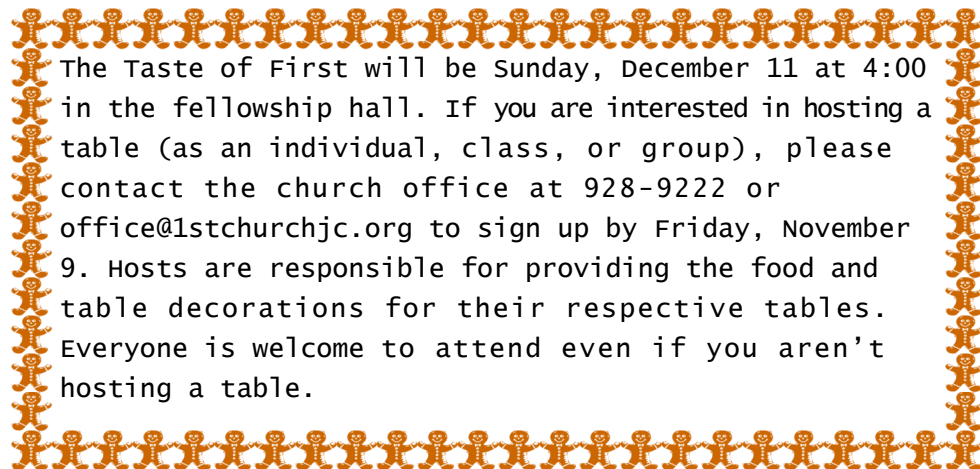
**Sermon** "God Bless Us" Rev. Gary Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218  
Verses 1 & 3

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

For lo! The days are hastening on,  
By prophet seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing



The Taste of First will be Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in hosting a table (as an individual, class, or group), please contact the church office at 928-9222 or office@1stchurchjc.org to sign up by Friday, November 9. Hosts are responsible for providing the food and table decorations for their respective tables. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you aren't hosting a table.

There will be a women's Christmas Brunch hosted by the UMW on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$10.

- Save the Date for Advent and Christmas Celebrations**
- December 10: Women's Christmas Brunch
  - December 11: Children's Play- "Scrooge in Bethlehem", Taste of First
  - December 14: Children's Christmas Party, Youth Christmas Party
  - December 18: Choir Christmas Cantata: "The Gift"
  - December 24: Christmas Eve worship at 7:00
  - December 25: Christmas Day worship at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall (no Sunday School)

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**  
Program: The Redemption of Scrooge  
Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert  
Dinner begins at 5:45.  
Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 11/29 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

*Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*