

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 11/28: Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 12/2 Men's Christmas Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 12/3: First Sunday of Advent, Coffee & Cocoa after worship
- ◆ 12/9: Women's Christmas Brunch (10:00)
- ◆ 12/10: Youth Christmas Play (10:30) Taste of First (4:00)
- ◆ 12/12: ELC Christmas Program (5:30), Circle of Hope Christmas Party (7:00)
- ◆ 12/13: Children & Youth Christmas Parties (5:30)
- ◆ 12/17: Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30)
- ◆ 12/24: Christmas Eve worship (7:00)

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm at the Hunter's Lake Clubhouse.

### 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 instant potatoes, canned yams, turkey gravy mix, boxed stuffing mix, and other holiday foods. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Steve Gross

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Gina Billings  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Catherine Cartus  
Karl Cavanary  
Drew Cradic  
John & Michelle Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Tom Eorgan  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Pam Hagen  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Cindy Holmes  
Molly Huff  
Scott Huff  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Deni Kiehl  
Tammy Kosa  
Linda Kostreva  
Karen Martin  
Bonnie Marrs  
Bob & Wanda May  
Dan McGuire  
Kent & Midge Merrill  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Bill Spence  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Family of Janice Williams  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**Prelude** "Jesus Shall Reign" (Duke Street) Arr. Michael Burkhardt

### First Things First

#### Call to worship

Leader: My fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God, today we celebrate the only ruler to whom we can give undivided loyalty:

**People: we celebrate Jesus of Nazareth, who is Christ the King.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has chosen us and placed us in His world.

**People: Blessed be Jesus Christ, who liberated us from sin, that we might fearlessly serve God with deeds of holiness and justice all the days of our lives.**

Leader: Come and behold the King!

**People: With humility and gratitude, we bow down and worship.**

#### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #327

#### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**People: we confess that we are hesitant to bow before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule over our lives.**

Leader: We offer our allegiance to the powers of this world.

**People: We fail to be governed by justice and love.**

Leader: We have allowed self to blind us, and pains to embitter us.

**People: We have forgotten that whatsoever we do to one of the least of Your children, we do to You.**

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive us.

**People: Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us pure hearts intent on pleasing You.**

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. God's love frees us from the world's bondage, and allows us to live, love, and serve. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to our God and King! AMEN**

**New Testament Reading** Colossians 1:11-20

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Reflection** "Amazing Love/You Are My King" Screen

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology** #94

**New Testament Reading** Luke 23:33-43

**Anthem** "O God Beyond All Praising"

**Sermon** "A King on a Cross" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "Lift High the Cross" #159

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

Lift high the cross  
The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world  
Adore His sacred name

Camp Bays Mountain is hosting Christmas Camp again this year! Overnight camp for 3rd-9th graders is Friday, 12/8, at 6:30 pm until Saturday, 12/9, at 6:30 pm. Day camp for 1st-9th graders is Saturday, 12/9, from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm. Campers will enjoy lots of fun activities while learning about the meaning of Advent and Christmas. If you are interested in sending your 1st-9th grader to Christmas Camp, you can sign up at [www.campbaysmountain.com](http://www.campbaysmountain.com) or talk to one of the pastors.

### **wednesday Night Fellowship**

Program: Committed to Christ

Menu: vegetable beef soup, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 11/27 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

First UMC is "hosting" Family Promise during the week of Christmas. Family Promise helps those who have experienced homelessness and places them in hotels until suitable housing can be found. This Christmas, we can make a difference for the 5 families in the program by choosing one or more tags from the Family Promise Christmas tree in the narthex and purchasing suggested items. We hope to have 2 gifts for each family member. Please return the wrapped gifts no later than Sunday, December 17.

**Clare's Closet** is accepting donations of slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies) for the upcoming season of giving. All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. The next distribution will be December 16.

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