

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ♦ January 20-22: Youth at Resurrection
- ♦ January 24: Women's Bible Study (1:00), Outreach Team (6:00), Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ♦ January 25: Wednesday Night Fellowship (5:45)
- ♦ January 29: 5th Sunday Breakfast

## SOUPER BOWL Sunday Lunch

On February 12, we will have a potluck soup lunch after worship on Super Bowl Sunday. Please plan to stay after church, bring a pot of soup or chili to share, and fellowship with church friends. We will also be collecting canned soups during January and February to use in our food pantry.

## Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of January, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned meats including chicken, tuna, & salmon. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Novice Gross

## Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Alice & Terry Berkson  
Erma Budd  
Rhett Byrne  
Catherine Cartus  
Marian Cocke  
Deion Cole & family  
Ryan Cradic  
Vernon Crawford  
Eric Davidson  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Courtney Eddy  
Peggy Eddy  
Phyllis Eorgan  
Ray Feagins  
Cecelia Fleckstein  
Jim Furches  
Family of Cecil Green  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Kay Haga  
Mendy Hall  
Beverly Harris  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Family of Bill Herzer  
The Hrenda family  
Scott Huff  
Joyce Josie  
Wiley Keller  
Deni Kiehl  
Mary Anne King  
Pam King  
Linda Kostreva  
Sally Lee  
Luanne Love  
Barbara Marrs  
Wanda May  
David McElveen  
Jim Milliken  
Family of Kelly Mohr  
Johnny Moore  
Brenda Murphy  
Steve Murray  
Family of Rick Norman  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Tim Riddle  
Family of Libby Roberts  
Steven Schmidt  
Louise Scott  
Ed Searcey  
Larry Street & family  
Family of Rev. Donald Thayer  
Chloe vanhuss  
Katie Walker  
Anna Grace West  
Brittney Williams & baby  
Family Promise  
Brother's Keeper  
US Military & families  
Ukraine  
Manna House  
Kairos Ministry



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

## First Things First

**Prelude** "I Come With Joy to Meet the Lord" Three Variations John Carter

## Call to worship

**Leader:** No matter where we are, or what we are doing,

**People:** God's steadfast love finds us.

**Leader:** No matter how uncertain our journey may be,

**People:** God's steadfast righteousness sustains us.

**Leader:** No matter how unloved we may feel,

**People:** God hears our cries and offers hope and peace.

**Leader:** Open your hearts and listen for God's voice.

**People:** We open our hearts to worship our loving God.

## Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Faithful God, You call us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ,

**People:** but we are more comfortable with our own thoughts and our old ways.

Leader: You call us to be Your servants,

**People:** but we doubt Your blessings, and worry that we will lack what we need.

Leader: You have filled our lives with the joy of Your presence,

**People:** but we stumble, and our actions are often hurtful and unkind.

Leader: You show us the way of justice and peace,

**People:** but we turn away, insisting that we know what's best for our lives.

Leader: Forgive us, gracious God.

**People:** Remind us of the joy that awaits when we put our trust in You alone. Guide us into the light of Your unwavering love, so that we may always be faithful in thought, word, and deed.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Our loving God seeks us, redeems us, and calls us to follow in the ways of mercy and love. Listen, and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "The Summons" On Screen

Mission Moment

## Doxology

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New Testament Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

Anthem

"I Will Follow You"

Sermon

"The Call of Matthew"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"I Will Follow"

On Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
when You move I'll move, I will follow You  
whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
Yeah, I will follow You yeah

On January 29, we will have a **5th Sunday Breakfast** starting at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Sunday School classes will not meet.

The Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm at the Hunter's Lake Clubhouse. We invite anyone interested to join us! Anna Kapoor is the hostess.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel: A Comparison of the Four Gospels

Menu: ham, broccoli, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45.

Please make reservations by **Tuesday, 1/24 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.*