CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children are always welcome in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do & say as we worship. However, if your child is actively upset we would invite you to take them into the gathering area to be calmed down. You are also welcome to take advantage of our nursery which is down the hall for children 6 months-3 years old. All children who are ages 4-10 may participate in a children's church ministry called First Steps following the Children's Moment. They will enjoy a snack, an activity or craft, and a lesson based on the sermon text. Lastly, we have cravons and children's bulletins available in the gathering area for those who would like to be creative during worship.



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Attendance Last Sunday
In-Person: 100 On-line: 37
Sunday General Giving
\$3,310.00
Sunday Designated Giving
\$980.00
Total Giving for December
\$6,905.98
Needed monthly
\$23,866.50

Flowers: Advent

Coffee Bar: Janet Tweed 12/17 at 6:00PM:

Family Night Covered Dish Supper

Lay Leader: Lee Anne Strickland

Usher Team:

Steve Cornett and Gary Hamilton

Production Team: Steve Tweed, Regina Warfel, Carter Kennedy and Briley Williford

Pianist: Bev Taylor

Organist: Mary Alice Huff

Youth Ministry Leaders:

Jerry and Vanessa Barr

Rev. Chris Black
Pastor

Nikki Rutzen

Executive Assistant

Sue Hamilton

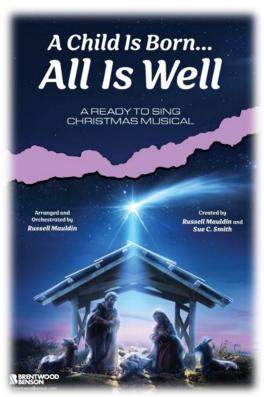
Director of Congregational Care & Choir Ministries

Erin Strickland

First Steps Coordinator

First United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Cantata Sunday



Luke 1: 46b-55

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. Our mission here at FUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. If you would like to learn more about our church and its ministries you can find a copy of the church newsletter, welcoming brochures and devotionals in the gathering area. There are also refreshments available at our coffee bar. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

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We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.

★ *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboard placed in each pew.)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP "Arise, Shine" Screen

WORDS OF INVITATION

L: My soul magnifies the Lord:

P: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

L: The Mighty One has done great things.

P: Holy is God's name!

₩ HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels From The Realms of Glory" #220/Screen

★ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Statement of Faith of the #884 Korean Methodist Church

₩ GLORIA PATRI #70

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Joy

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Black

SCRIPTURE Luke 1: 46b-55

L: The Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Notes

We hope you use this space for reflections, and reminders from the sermon or throughout the service.

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Prayer Requests for 12/14/25

The printed requests will stay in our bulletin for 2 weeks and then will be moved to our ongoing prayer list on our website.

- Family of David Kefauver
- Houvenagle family
- Kendall Wimmer (Charlie's brother)
- Janet Ruppel
- Michelle Pope (Barr)
- Family of Bob Swartz (Warfel)
- Mike and Sandy O'Neill and family
- Sue Kromhout (Warfel)
- Kat Ahart and family
- Miranda Larson and family
- Ron Leinart (upcoming surgery) and family
- Joe Grubb and family
- Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
- Veronica Venable and family
- Nelson and Stratton family
- Unspoken Prayers

Thank you!

Last weekend we had our annual Breakfast with Santa event in our Fellowship Hall and we had a great crowd of kids! Lot's of fun was had by all but it was made possible by all of our volunteers who helped. We want to especially thank Carolynn Greenwood, The Rutzen Family, Steve and Kathleen Cornett, Lindsay Liszeski (Zander/Zeke), Regina Warfel, Peter & Jill Alliman, Glenda Parker family, Larry & Francis Sellers, and Carol & Jennifer Mckenzie.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

This Wednesday evening December 17th at 6PM we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting live nativity and our Ignite children will also sing! This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring plenty of covered dishes for dinner and join us for this exciting evening.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Christmas Eve worship at First UMC will be held at 7PM in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.

December 28th is a fun & special Worship service

The first Sunday after Christmas, (which also happens to be the week leading to New Year's Eve) we want to invite you to join us for a casual and simple worship service at 10:30AM. We will be having a hymn sing where you get to choose what hymns we sing together. Near the end of our time together we will also have a moment to reflect on the previous year and the upcoming year via a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Meditation. You are invited to join us to have a little fun, sing some great songs, and prepare our hearts to continue to adore Him in 2026!

Update on our latest Missions Project

Members of our church took some time this past Friday and Saturday to begin a large ramp building project for one of our families. The Leinart family (Ron, Becky and Karli) have a big need for a ramp due to a planned medical procedure for Ron at the end of the month. We now anticipate needing approximately \$1000 to complete this project. We currently have \$420 that has been given to support this project. If you would like to support this project through your gifts please indicate "Ramp Build" on your check or your offering envelope.

"Into the Bible" with Rev. Chris Black starts back up in January

Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible? Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Have you ever wanted to go deeper and to learn more?

Beginning on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00pm Rev. Chris Black is beginning a new Pastor's Bible Study Class that will help you approach the Bible with confidence. This class will meet in the fellowship hall and will be a homestyle Bible Study for all ages! Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of Matthew, and then he will move into other areas of the scriptures. In the midst of our study the group will discuss some fundamental ways to engage with the Bible, so that you may apply it to your life today. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org.



CHILDREN TO 1ST STEPS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)

OFFERTORY

"Mary Did You Know"

Steve Tweed

CANTATA

"A Child Is Born...All is Well"

Arranged and Orchestrated by Russell Mauldin Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith Conducted by Sue Hamilton Performed by the Chancel Choir

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"
"Everything Changes Now"
"A Child Is Born Underscore"
"All Is Well"
"A Cradle In Bethlehem"
"Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy"
"Manger Throne"
"Gloria Underscore"
"Gloria (Our Savior Found Us)" Reba Dopkins, soloist
"Finale: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

₩ HYMN "Joy To The World"

Screen

★ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

★ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Screen

★ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~