

## 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 crayons 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: 96 On-line: 35  
**Sunday General Giving**  
\$1,227.00  
**Sunday Designated Giving**  
\$1,390.00  
**Total Giving for November**  
\$21,743.97  
**Needed monthly**  
\$23,866.50

**Flowers:** Communion  
**Coffee Bar:** Glenda Parker  
**12/10 Ignite & Youth Supper:**  
Janet Tweed, Regina Warfel and  
Angela Tallent  
**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 7, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)**  
**Communion**



## **"John the Baptist? At Christmas?"** **Matthew 3: 1-12**

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.

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 7, 2025

10:30AM

*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

**Lee Anne Strickland**

*(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

## *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

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## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.

**P: As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge and joy.**

L: Let us prepare our hearts to worship Jesus Christ our risen Savior and Lord.

## ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

## *“Hail To The Lord’s Anointed”*

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## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the United Church of Canada

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**✠ GLORIA PATRI**

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## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*Peace*

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**Rev. Chris Black**

## HYMN

## *“Let The Peace of Christ Rule In Your Heart”*

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## Sermon Notes

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

## Prayer Requests for 12/7/25

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

- Charlie Harrell and family
- Kefauver family
- Clifford Wilson and family
- Bob Swartz and family (Warfel)
- Sue Kroumout (Warfel)
- Mike and Sandy O'Neill and family
- Kat Ahart and family
- Miranda Larson and family
- Brandon Beason and family
- Linda Giles (Barbara Penland's daughter)
- Ron Leinart (surgery) and family
- Pat & Karen Rapking and family
- Family of Chris & Mike Breyne (Alford)
- Evan Kile (4-wheeler accident) & family
- Joshua Stuckey and family (Huff)
- Joe Grubb and Quinn Strickland family
- Jon Grubb and family
- Family of Wayne Peery
- Ronnie Gay (Veronica Venable's father)
- Veronica Venable and family
- Robert Parker Jr. (Glenda's son) & family
- Norman Nelson and family (Ray's brother)
- Nelson and Stratton family
- Jim Richardson (Dopkins)
- Maiuri family
- Tate Sherrer and family
- Unspoken Prayers

### Advent is here!

Followers of Jesus often use the days leading up to Christmas to intentionally prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas. Our congregation will mark the 4 weeks in Advent leading up to the Christmas season in some very rich, unique, and fun ways both on Sundays and throughout the week.

Each week leading up to Christmas Eve will have a different theme to be centered around:

November 30th: **Hope**

December 7th: **Peace**

December 14th: **Joy**

December 21st: **Love**

Please be on the lookout for all the ways we will be preparing as a community to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Mark your calendars to be in worship next Sunday for our annual Christmas Cantata!

Our church choir has been working diligently and joyfully to lead us in worship on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. They are excited to share the Cantata, *A Child is Born...All Is Well* arranged and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin.

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

On Wednesday evening December 17th at 6PM we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all will be 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!

### Advent Daily Devotional for You!

As we continue to journey through the season of Advent as a Church community, our church is providing a daily Advent Devotional called

*"Advent 2025: A Calendar of Devotions"* by Jan Turrentine. These short devotions will help you prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th. Each day's devotion, from the first Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day, is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and includes a Scripture reading, a short devotion, and a brief prayer. Please feel free to pick up a copy of the new Advent Daily Devotional in our gathering area for yourself and to hand out to others.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

### 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

Chancel Choir

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

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### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 3: 1-12*

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"John the Baptist? At Christmas?"

Rev. Chris Black

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### 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.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

### SENDING FORTH

### ✠ CLOSING HYMN

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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### ✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Black

### ✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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### ✠ TRINITY CHIMES

### POSTLUDE

*~Serve the Lord this week where you are able~*