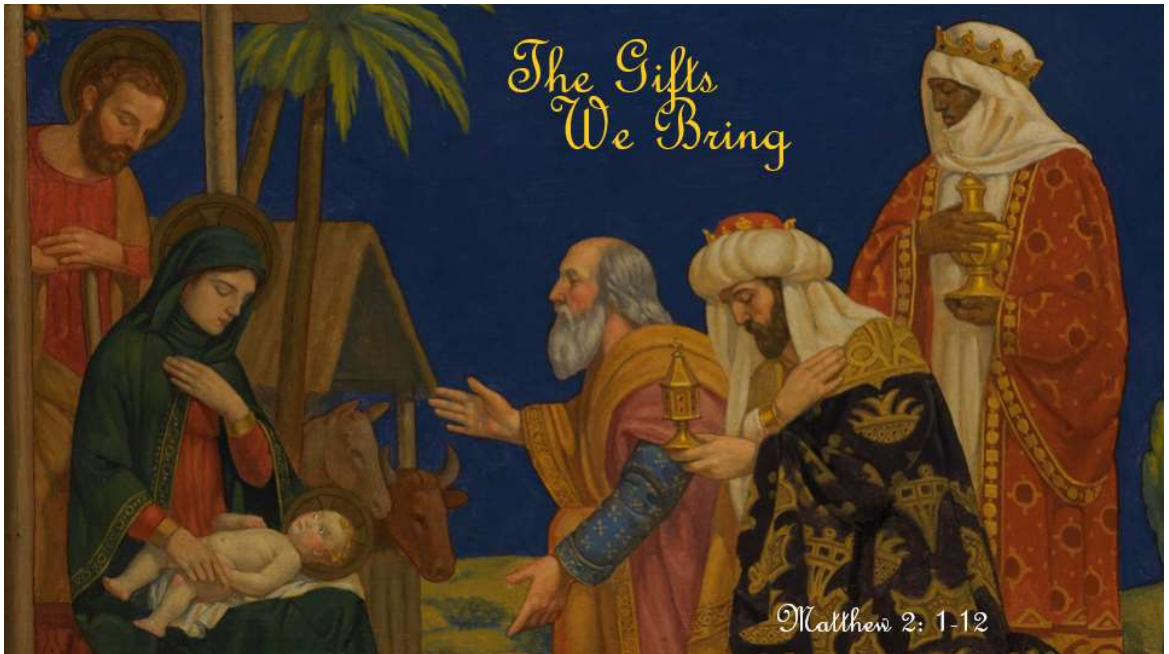


# First United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday — January 7, 2024



Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, large print hymnals, name tags, and refreshments are available in the welcoming area. Children are **always welcome** in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

*"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2024

10:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

*(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew; or if you are watching on-line register at [www.1umcm.com](http://www.1umcm.com) and continue sending us your comments via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.)*

## INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . **and also with you.**”

## TRINITY CHIMES

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP      “Come Christians, Join to Sing” (verse1)      #158/Screen

## ✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

P: Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE      “We Three Kings”      #254/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles Creed      #881/Screen

✠ GLORIA PATRI      #70/Screen

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS      Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER      Rev. Chris Black

HYMN      “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”      Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      Rev. Chris Black



## Pastor's Bible Study Returns for a 5 week class:

### "Galatians as a Foundation"

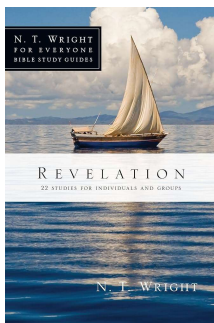
You are invited to join Pastor Chris for an in-depth exploration into one of the most important books of the Bible: Paul's letter to the Galatians. This little book lays out much of the early theology of the Apostle Paul, and had a profound impact on the early church. If you have ever wondered where to begin studying the Bible, or been intimidated by scripture then this class is for you! It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend.

Pastor Chris will offer a morning and evening opportunity for this class on Wednesdays beginning on January 10th. Classes will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary or at 7:00 p.m. in the community room downstairs.

Here is the full schedule:

January 10th Intro. Chapter 1  
January 17th Chapter 2  
January 24th Chapter 3  
January 31st Chapter 4  
February 7th Chapter 5-6

## A New Study on the Book of Revelation



The Bible Fellowship will begin studying N.T. Wright's Revelation about the mysterious book of Revelations on January 14th. The group meets in the Youth Room after church services with lunch provided. Please feel free to bring your Bibles and join the conversation! Need a book? Want to join us? Please let Marlee Tierce

know (mtierce@aol.com or landline 423-884-2196).

## Read Together in 2024

This year Rev. Chris Black invites you to join him in participating in the Holston Conference's "Read

Together" initiative. This opportunity challenges us to read through the whole Bible in one year. In 2024, we will be reading the Bible chronologically using a path laid out in J. Ellsworth Kalas's "The Grand Sweep: 365 Days from Genesis through Revelation." This reading plan asks us to read only 2-3 chapters a day which will be much less burdensome than previous plans.

Participating in this initiative as a whole congregation can uniquely bind us together as Christ's disciples all while rooting us more deeply in God's word. There will be book marks available in the welcome center with each month's readings, and the readings for the week will also be printed in the bulletin. As always if you have a question about a passage or verse you are reading then please call (or text) Pastor Chris or stop by the church office.

Readings for week 2; Jan. 7th-13th

January 7 = Genesis 14,15  
January 8 = Genesis 16,17  
January 9 = Genesis 18,19  
January 10 = Genesis 20,21  
January 11 = Genesis 22,23  
January 12 = Genesis 24,25  
January 13 = Genesis 26,27

*Want to catch up? Just read through Genesis 1-13 or feel free just to begin today with Genesis 14!*

## "Discovery" Sermon Series begins today!

Today Rev. Chris Black will kick off a 6 part sermon series called "Discovery: Unearthing Your Spiritual Gifts." Pastor Chris will dive deep into the topic of spiritual gifts from a biblical and Wesleyan perspective. Spiritual gifts is a topic that is often surrounded by controversy and confusion within (and outside) the Church.

This series will equip Christians to explore what their own God given spiritual gifts are, and how they can be used to equip them for discipleship & mission both inside and outside our church. We hope you will join us for what promises to be an exciting and rewarding series.



## January 7, 2024

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

The Family of Mary Gertrude (Trudy)  
 James Gumbs (friends of  
 Richard Beaubien)  
 Buddy Ray Tallent (Mike's brother)  
 Family of Bill Kirkpatrick (Barbara  
 Pennington's family)  
 Jim and Mary Schnegg's daughter in law  
 Friends of the Kingsleys who have lost  
 children this year  
 Traveling mercies for Glenda Parker's  
 family  
 Pat Cody (health) and Jim Miller (friends of  
 the Hibberts)  
 Family of Mary Stamey McCraven  
 Family of Janet Ruppel's friend Tammy  
 (Mike and Lisa)  
 Leslie Bankston and her dad (friends of  
 Carey Kefauver)  
 Mary Alice Huff and family  
 Misty Barger and family  
 Pat Rapping family (lots of illnesses)  
 Unspoken Prayers

### CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

Katie (Collins) Woodby (Laurie and Roger  
 McNeece's daughter)  
 Shelby Nelson and expected twins  
 Family of Marilyn Atchley (friend of Sue)  
 Family of Emily Bushey (Sequoyah  
 student)  
 Unspoken prayers by Stewart family  
 Becky Chester (Chad's sister)  
 Capoldi family (Australian friend of the  
 Hibberts)  
 Mary Ann (health) and Ken Nelson (friends  
 of Dopkins)

Sierra (friend of Alexis Jones battling  
 cancer)  
 Family of Reverend John Thierbach (friend  
 of Mike Tallent)  
 Family of Dawson Reagan  
 Christine and Joel (Melanie Slouka's  
 request)  
 Quinn Strickland and family  
 Our Church (Marlee's request)  
 Betty Hicks and family  
 John & Judy Maiuri and family  
 Unspoken Requests  
 Military personnel

***There are more continuing prayer requests in  
 The Flame (our monthly newsletter). The  
 Prayer List is constantly updated live at  
 1umcm.com***

## Attendance and Giving Last Week

In-Person - 74

Online - 10

Giving to the General Fund	\$ 2,100
<b><i>Needed in December</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 23,188</i></b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 18,961</i></b>
Maintenance/Improvement	\$ 2,100
<b><i>Needed in December</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 2,000</i></b>
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,390</i></b>
PCAF/Memorial	\$ 120
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 880</i></b>
Designated/Non-Budgeted	\$ 0
<b><i>*Receipts</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 1,738</i></b>

## This Week In Our Church

### Monday, January 8, 2024

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 100  
Youth Room

06:00 PM - 07:30 PM Trustees  
Conference Room

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM Scouts Troop 10  
Community Room

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

08:00 AM - 12:30 PM Lion's Club Eye Exams  
Community Room

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Community Café  
Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (AM)  
Main Sanctuary

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Midweek Communion  
Main Sanctuary

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
Main Sanctuary

The trustee for today is Wes Hibbert.

06:00 PM - 07:30 PM IGNITE! Child's Ministry  
Admin Wing

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM Youth Meal  
Fellowship Hall

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM United Methodist Youth  
Youth Room

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (PM)  
Community Room

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM Girl Scouts  
Fellowship Hall

### Friday, January 12, 2024

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
Community Room

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

08:30 AM - 09:30 AM United Methodist Men  
Fellowship Hall

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
Library

12:00 PM - 02:00 PM Revelation Bible Fellowship,  
Youth Room

Coffee bar today is hosted by Janet Tweed.



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