

First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



“Christ—our Joy”

“God’s Yes—in our Hearts!”

John 1:9-13

Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

11:00 AM

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Enter quietly to prepare your heart to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

(During this time, please register your attendance in the white notebook that can be found at the end of each row and pass it down and back.)

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

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to Joseph...her name was Mary.

P: **The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**

L: Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.

P: **Mary answered, “I am the Lord’s servant. May your word to me be fulfilled.”**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lift Up Your Heads”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From I Corinthians 15

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*GLORIA PATRI

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ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

“Star Child”

Screen

Lighting the Advent Wreath

“Christ Our Joy”

Ray & Dora Nelson

(After the reader says: . . .O come, O come, Emmanuel) the congregation responds:

O Come, O Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER/PRAISES

CALL TO PRAYER “Into My Heart” Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S TIME “What Is the Reason for the Season??” Pastor Keith

OFFERINGS

MINISTRY MINUTE “Pledge for Our Future” Mark Radosevich
Introducing the Pledge Cards

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Joyful Medley” Choir
*(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings
for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)*

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Page # 94

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE **John 1:9-13**
Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God’s Yes—in our Hearts” Rev. Keith G. Knight

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION “Angels From the Realms of Glory” Page # 220

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lift Up Your Heads” (Vs. 3) Screen

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE *Depart to serve the Lord.*

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Children are welcome to sit with their families in worship.
If you prefer, our nursery/toddler room is available for
Infant thru Pre-Kindergarten during Worship.*

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

“God’s Yes—In Our Hearts!!!”

December 14, 2019

John 1:9-13

INTRODUCTION—

I. We Must B _____ In Him—

“ . . .to those who BELIEVED in [Him]” (v. 12)

1. This means that we must do more than just “B _____” in Him in an “intellectual” fashion—
2. This demands, not just “B _____” in our head, but C _____ in our hearts—
3. Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish Christian philosopher—
He called this “The Leap of F _____ “ - D _____ to believe when we can’t get 100% “scientific: proof.

II. We Must Receive Him—

“Yet to all who received him” (vs. 12)

1. We can say: “Y _____ !” to “God’s Yes” in Creation...
2. We can say: “Y _____ !” to “God’s Yes” in the Incarnation . . .
3. We must say “Y _____ !” to “God’s Yes” - in our hearts!!!
4. We must choose whether to W _____ Him into our L _____ -
we must decide.

III. We Will L _____ for Him—

“He gave the right to become children of God” (v. 12)

1. John, the author of this Gospel, speaks here of B _____ - not a birth made by
“Human decision or a Husband’s will, but born of God” (vs. 13)

2. Jesus talks of us being “B Again,” - John Wesley preached many sermons on “The New B”
3. Jesus also said, “Unless you change and become like little C, you will never enter the K of Heaven.”
4. With Jesus Christ, we must let Him S our lives, and, like children, help us G to become the People He wants us to be.

CONCLUSION—A poor girl became very ill once, and was taken to the hospital, just a week before Christmas.



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service*
with Communion

**Tuesday, December 24th
6:00 PM**

We Support Our Church By:

Our Service This Week

Ushers: Ray & Dora Nelson,
Regina Warfel

Acolytes: Catherine Barger
Storm Millsaps

Lay Reader: John Byrum

Trustee: Alan Johnson

Coffee Bar:

Janet Tweed is coordinating our coffee bar. If you would like to provide goodies and host the coffee bar please see her and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the coffee bar.

Our Presence Last Week:

Sunday School	54
Worship	132

Our Gifts for December:

General Fund

Needed for monthly budget	\$ 20,304
Received in December	\$ 9,123

Building Fund

Needed for mortgage payment	\$4,034
Received in December	\$ 1,795

Memorial Fund

Memorial Garden Fund in Dec	\$ 65
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Prayer Requests for December 15th

Please remember to keep all of these members and friends along with their families in your prayers.

Richard Hall
(Reba Hall's brother-in-law)

Virginia Jacobs
(Carol McKenzie's sister)

Jimmy Williams and donor family
(Wanda Barger's 11 year old cousin who received a heart transplant this week)

Alfred McClendon

Teresa Manley

Howard & Pat Harvey

Bill Marquardt

Curwood Witt

Barbara Pennington

Gene Carson

Clifton Greenwood

Shane Garner
(friend of the Cavett family)

Irad Lee

Buckner Memorial UMC church family
All who were affected by the shootings at
NAS Pensacola and other locations

and the families of

C B Raper

Elton Frerichs, Jr

Happening at First UMC for the Week of December 15th

<u>TODAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Admin Board meeting right after worship. Everyone is invited to attend.	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Youth (<i>No IGNITE</i>)	6:00 PM
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM

Coming Soon

Tue, Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service** 6 PM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

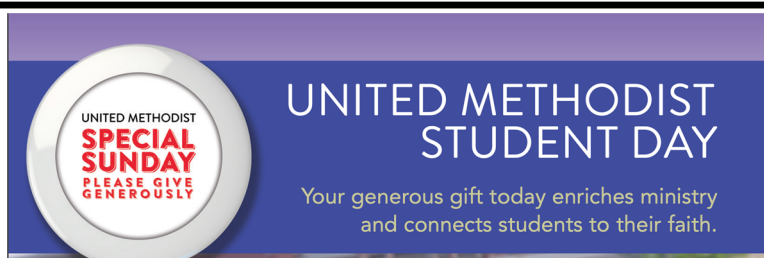
Sun, Jan 5 **The Class Meeting** book study will start after worship. More info at the coffee bar and in the December newsletter.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will not have regular hours from Dec 23, 2019 thru Jan 1, 2020.

If you need something, please call to see if someone is there to assist you.

We will be back to regular hours on Jan 2.



Your donations anytime this month will be appreciated.

Make your check payable to FUMC, write Student Day on the memo line.

Please use the envelope included in today's bulletin or those on the table by the bulletins next week.



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