

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell

Welcome/Announcements Amanda Morgan

Welcoming the Light of Christ

Introit Light One Candle

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Lighting the First Advent Candle

We light this first candle of our Advent season as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

For we are desperate to see the Hope of Christ in our world.

May the Light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus Christ.

Come home this Christmas. Come home to Christ our Hope.

* **Singing our Praise** "People Look East" #202

Opening Prayer

Loving and Gracious God, fill us with the Hope of Christ once again this year. Look into our hearts and purify us with your grace and love. And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock, and our Redeemer. Amen.

New Testament Reading Romans 12:12
Liturgist: Bailey Conner

Anthem Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Children's Message Jason Johnson

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-5

Message "Come Home to Christ Our Hope" Pastor Melanie Adams
Part 1 of Series: Come Home for Christmas

Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges

(Where have you seen God's presence? What gratitude and/or challenge is in your heart or on your mind?)

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

Doxology on screen

Offertory Prayer

With gratitude we offer these gifts. In the name of Christ our Hope, we share these offerings, as well as the work of our hands, our commitment, and devotion. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

***Closing Song** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

***Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

Benediction Pastor Melanie Adams

Benediction Response Light One Candle

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PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!



Brent Campbell

(deployment)

Gerald Campell

Bill Erhardt

Joan Krohn

Stan Krohn

Family of

Carol McKenna

Family of

Clyde Thompson

Beth Whisler

Events this week in church:

Sunday, December 1st:

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee & Conversing
- 10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 3rd:

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, December 4th:

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, December 5th:

- 12:15 pm UMW Executive
- 1:00 pm UMW General

Saturday, December 7th:



Annual Cookie Day
Saturday, December 7
9:00 am
\$12 per box
Let us help you with your holiday baking!
Take a bite out of Holiday Baking!
Cookies made with Love by the women of FUMC

Sunday, December 8th:

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee & Conversing
- 10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am (room 203)

Worship Boot Camp

Training session for:
**Children's Moment presenters,
Greeters, Liturgists, Media,
Sound, Ushers, and
Worship Leaders**

ANNUAL COOKIE DAY
Saturday, December 7
9:00 am

COOKIES ARE NEEDED!!
WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO
PROVIDE **8 DOZEN**.
DECORATED...NOT DECORATED...
WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU!!

Worship
Training
for Children's
Moment,
Greeters,
Liturgist,
Media, Sound,
Worship
Leaders



Interested in Membership and/or Baptism?

Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

Welcome to our guests!

We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!

COME
HOME FOR
CHRISTMAS
12.01.2019

December 1, 2019

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- FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

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