

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcement** Angie Gable-McConkey

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

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

**We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ our Way.**

We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.

**May the promise of your presence, O God, fill our hearts with joy!**

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

**\* Singing our Praise** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #224

**Opening Prayer**

**Loving and Saving God, you come to us in many ways, speaking to our hearts, bringing comfort, guidance, peace, and joy. In Jesus Christ our joy is made complete. May all that we say and do here in this place bring glory to your name, and to your son, Jesus. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 35:10  
Liturgist: Joyce Swenson

**Meditation** “Come Home to Christ Our Joy” Pastor Melanie Adams

**Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges**

**Lord’s Prayer** #895

**The Offering**

**Doxology** on screen

**Offertory Prayer**

**With gratitude we offer these gifts. In the name of Christ our Joy, we share these offerings, as well as the work of our hands, our commitment, and devotion. We offer all of these things in gratitude. Amen.**

**Christmas Program:**

**“Christmas Hope”**

**Mom: Maddie Johnson**

**Daughter: Carly Brown**

**Son: Jagger Johnson**

**Mary: Peyton Johnson**

**Joseph: Josh Bray**

**Angel: Naveah Valcoure**

**Isaiah: Aidan Poore**

**Prophecy Reader: Dylan Bray**

**“Joy to the World” vs. 1,2 #246**

**\*Closing Song** “Angels We Have Heard on High” vs. 1,4 #238

**\*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** Melanie Adams

**Benediction Response** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
refrain only #211

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell



**Ray Harper**

**Karen Johnson**

(Darlene Pearson’s sister)



**12/18**

**Alex Johnson**



**To our talented YOUTH!!!**

**You all Rock!!**

**Thanks for sharing your time and talents with your church family.**

**Events this week in church:**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Christmas Program**

**3:00 pm Caroling**



**Joy to the World!**

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

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

**12:00 – 6:00 pm Salvation**

**Army Bell Ringing @**

**Walmart**



Join us on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00 pm for Christmas  
Caroling! We will be traveling by  
car again this year.

Caroling will be followed by a  
soup supper at the home of  
Monte & Nancy Wentz.

Please bring a finger food or  
dessert to share.



**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Concordia First UMC will be ringing the Salvation Army  
Bell at Walmart on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We need **two** volunteers for each time slot between  
Noon – 6:00 pm. Why two volunteers? So there are two  
people to greet shoppers and spread Christmas Cheer!



**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!



**December 15, 2019**

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