

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcements** Susie Haver

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

**Introit** “Light One Candle” Choir

*\*(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.

**We light the fourth candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace.**

In Christ we find the peace that passes all understanding.

**We need Christ’s peace so desperately.**

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

**\* Singing our Praise** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #218

**Opening Prayer**

**God our Hope, we thank you for this day and this opportunity to gather here as your people. May this time of worship nourish our spirits, fill us with all peace, and equip us to share your light in our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 1:18-25  
Liturgist: David Edwards

**Anthem** “Whisper, Whisper” Choir

**Children’s Message** Angie Gabel-McConkey

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 9:6-7

**Sermon** “Come Home to Christ Our Peace”  
Pastor Melanie Adams

**Response Song** “There’s a Song in the Air” vs. 1,4 #249

**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 Peace, 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.**

**\*Closing Song** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240

**\*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

**Benediction Response** “There’s a Song in the Air” vs. 4 #249

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell



**Ray Harper**



**12/24**

**Eudora Petersen**

**Carol Ruud**

**12/28**

**Katie Thompson**

**12/29**

**Les Hemphill**

**Events this week in church:**

**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**



**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

12:00 pm Office Closes

**5:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Merry Christmas**

Office Closed

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> –**

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Office Closed

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee & Conversing

10:30 am Worship Service

## 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!



**We need 4 more bell ringers for the 22<sup>nd</sup>!!**

**2 spots for 3-4 pm and 2 spots for 5-6 pm.**

**Please sign up on Missions bulletin board in the hallway or contact**

**Nancy Wentz @ 785-614-2599**

### 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 22, 2019**

**First United Methodist Church**

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MONDAY: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

TUESDAY: 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

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