

**Prelude ~** Pam Campbell

**Welcome/Announcements** Loren Swenson

**Welcoming the Light of Christ**

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

**Call to Worship**

Joy to the world!

**We sing for joy, for the Promised One has come to us.**

Joy to the world!

**Jesus comes into our lives in many ways.**

Joy to the world!

**We cannot keep silent! Our hearts are filled with hope. Joy to the world, indeed!**

**\* Singing our Praise** "Joy to the World" #246

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy and Loving God, the lights of Christmas are still burning brightly in our hearts today. We come to seek a word from you through our prayers, our singing, our scriptures, and our sacraments. May our worship honor you, and feed our souls. Amen.**

**The Psalm** Psalm 148 #861

Liturgist: Nevaeh Valcoure

**Ministry in Music** "Silent Night"

Clay Campbell, Lane Campbell, Kenda Smith & Pam Campbell

**Children's Message** Loren Swenson

**Gospel Reading** Luke 7:36-50

**A Story** "What You Have Done for the Least..." Pastor Melanie  
adapted from a story by Leo Tolstoy

**Response Song** "What Child Is This" #219

**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** #94

**Offertory Prayer**

**What a joy it is to be able to give, God! We dedicate these offerings to your service as we also pledge our commitment to your work in our church, our community, and our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Baptism and Reception of New Members**

Nickie and Jeremy Mildfeldt, and Faythe

**\*Closing Song** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

**\*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** "Grace Alone" vs. 1 #2162

**Postlude ~** Pam Campbell



**Family of  
Ray Harper**

**Kocher Family**

**Ares Partridge**

**Dan Torgler**



**01/01**

**Gary Strait**

**01/04**

**Ashton Lawrence**

**This week's events:**

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

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

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm Finance

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**Happy New Year!!**

Office Closed



**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee & Conversing  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am  
Un-Hanging of the Greens

We are excited to welcome the newest members of our congregation.....The Mildfeldt Family!

Jeremy, Nickie and Faythe,  
welcome to the FUMC family.



**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 29, 2019**

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