

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

PEOPLE: We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

LEADER: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

PEOPLE: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

LEADER: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

PEOPLE: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and careing, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

LEADER: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Give Thanks #2036

OPENING PRAYER

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER SONG Here Am I #2178

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." ~ **Philippians 4:13**

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #94/5

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abundance, we confess that we often wallow in scarcity thinking. We worry that we might not have enough – not just in our own lives but also as part of your church eternal. Our scarcity thinking has sentenced us to think small in what we can do and moved us to believe in the dark corners of our consciousness that you are somehow limited. Forgive us when we have been afraid to believe that you have enough to meet every need the world has ever had or will have in the future. As witnesses of Christ's abundant love, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

HYMN Seek Ye First #405

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE "Maybe-Just Maybe" Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG There's a Spirit in the Air #192

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be with You #672
(First stanza only)

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:
Sunday, November 26, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 Hanging of the Greens
 Following Worship
 5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk

Saturday December 2, 2023
 Cookie Day 9:00am

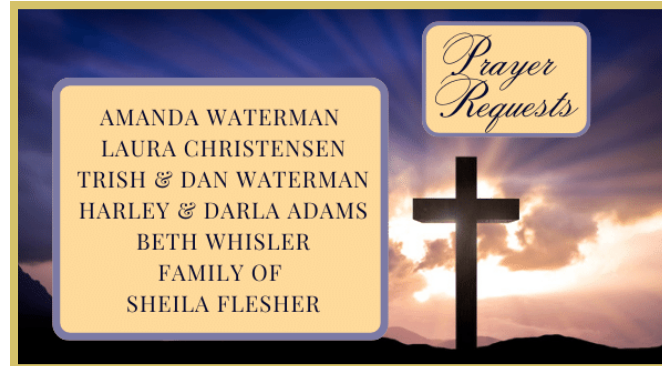
Sunday, December 3, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 6:00pm Christmas Vespers

December 10, 2023
 10:30am Children's Christmas Program
 during Worship



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28~Wendy Holt
 28~Norman McMillan
 28~Halie Steidle
 28~David Brewer
 30~Lori Halfhide



Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 BETH WHISLER
 FAMILY OF
 SHEILA FLESHER



COOKIE DAY!

DECEMBER 2, 2023
 9:00AM
 UNTIL COOKIES ARE GONE!

CALLING ALL FUMC BAKERS:
 HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES
 DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH BY 5:00PM
 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30.




CHRISTMAS VESPERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
 BROWN GRAND THEATRE
 6:00PM



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 who strengthens me."
 ~Philippians 4:13*



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.



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 Monday — Thursday
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 Friday
 Closed

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**Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
 John Wesley**