

# First United Methodist Church

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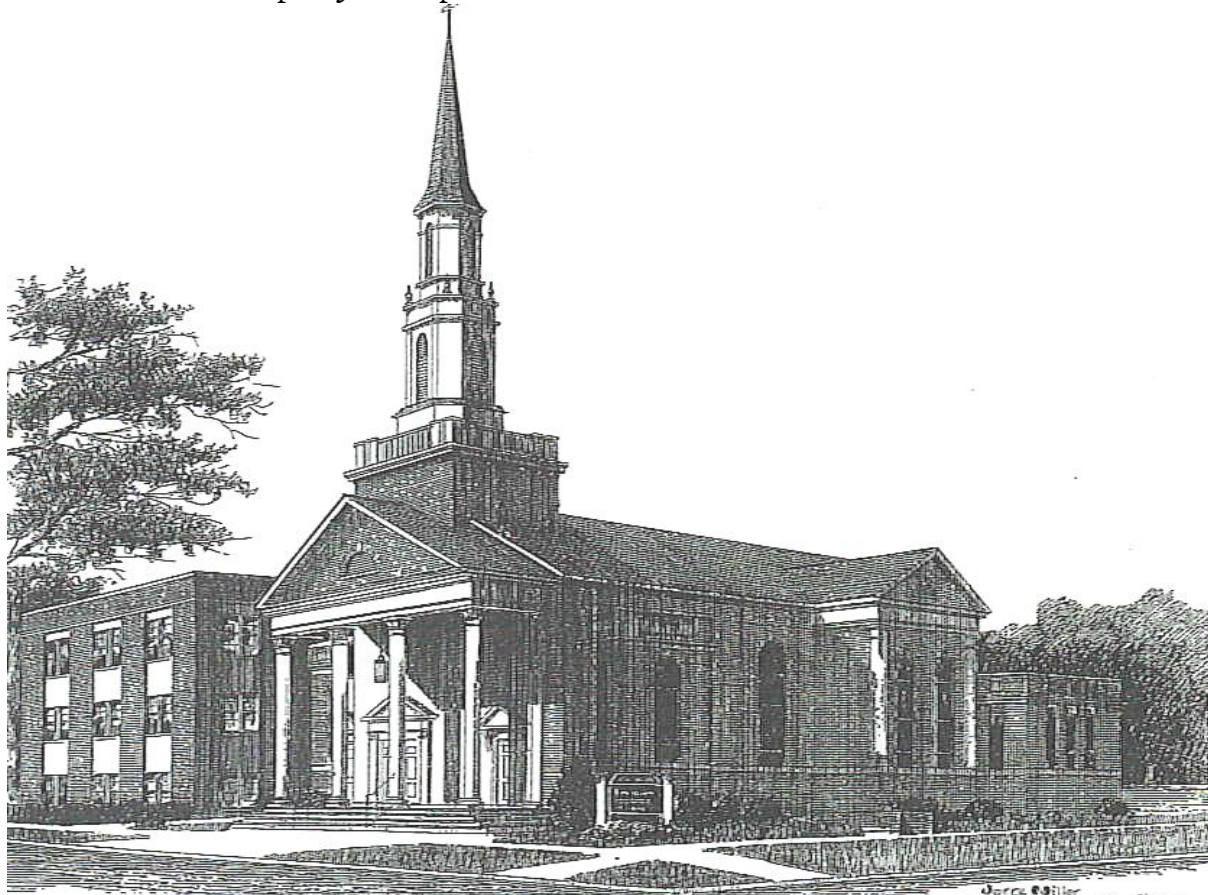
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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 5, 2021

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

**Praetorius**

#### †CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;

**The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.**

The seas have lifted up Lord;

**The seas have lifted up their voice.**

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea

**The Lord on High is Mighty.** (Psalm 93:1-4)

#### †HYMN

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (St. 1-5)**

**No. 211**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall;  
all peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free,  
and conquer death's deep misery. (Refrain)

## **†OPENING PRAYER**

**Unison**

Mighty God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**Unison**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **†GLORIA PATRI**

**Unison**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

### **CHILDRENS MOMENT**

**Pastor Powell**

### **WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Waiting”*

**Chancel Choir**

**†DOXOLOGY**

**No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**SERMON**

**“Mighty God”**

**Pastor Sarah**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

And we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The pastor gives thanks, remembering God’s acts of salvation and concludes:)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(The pastor continues the thanksgiving; recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper, and concludes:)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living  
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim  
the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit, praises the Trinity, and concludes:)  
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

**HYMN**

**"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

**No. 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

**†BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES**

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

**†CHORAL RESPONSE**

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you  
Share His love by sharing of your faith

And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you  
Every moment, every day!

## **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

*Once in Royal David's City*

**Gauntlett**

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### **THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Katie Kirk by Joe Kirk.

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### **STEEPLE LIGHTING**

The Steeple is lighted the month of December in memory of

Dr. Paul W. Boone.

### **TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in the Jackie Eure classroom.

Music, short devotional, Holy communion, and prayers.

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*A CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Monday, December 6 at 6:30pm via zoom for the purposes of approving or disapproving the proposed settlement of a federal suit against the BSA and The United Methodist Church. This suit impacts our denomination and our church as we are or may have been sponsors of a BSA charter. The conference will begin with a general session including many churches from our district where information will be shared about the resolution and a recommended plan of action offered. Each church's representatives will then go to a breakout room to vote. Everyone is invited to attend; charge conference members (members of the Church Council) are voters.*

## **Advent Schedule**

Dec 3 - MHC Tree Lighting with The Rise Band - 5:00

Dec 5 - Lovefeast and Candlelight Service - 5:00

Dec 8 - Christmas Dinner and Concert - 5:30

Dec 12 - Caroling - 3:00-4:30

Dec 18 - Christmas Cheer Delivery

Dec 19 - Chancel Choir Cantata - 8:30 & 11:00

Dec 19 - Rise Band Cantata - 9:45

Dec 19 - Journey to Bethlehem - 4:00-6:00

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services

5:00, 7:00, 11:00 Traditional

3:00 and 7:00 Contemporary

### **Christmas Concert & Dinner**

On Wednesday evening, December 8th, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, we will celebrate Christmas dinner – coastal style – seafood stuffed potatoes from The Sanitary, salad, and dessert. You are our guest – no cost – but a reservation will be required by December 6th. We will enjoy a musical presentation of carols by The Four Calling Birds (Phil and Miranda Routzong, Jordan and Rachel Amburn). Come and join us as we feast and fellowship together as the family of Christ.

### **Christmas Caroling**

Sing the carols and share the joy of the season as we travel from home to home. All are welcome. We will gather at the church just before 3:00 and divide into small groups and drive in our separate cars to 5-8 houses per group and sing! This is a gift of joy and love sure to bless both those in their homes and those singing. Fa la la la la la la la la...

### **Christmas Cantatas December 19th**

The Chancel Choir will sing “Joy Has Dawned” composed & arranged by Lloyd Larson at the 8:30 and 11:00 service. The message of Christmas is a message of joy - that joy has dawned upon the world - giving us something to celebrate! The Rise Band will perform carols of peace, love, hope and joy at 9:45. We anticipate the birth of a savior. Jesus is Born!