



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

January 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*Epiphany Sunday*

**Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.  
Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.**

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

### ***Chiming of the Hour***

***Welcome***

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

***Opening Voluntary - "What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright"***

*arr. by Hopson*

Phyllis Jones, organ

### ***Call to Worship***

*Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!*

**People: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

*Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.*

**People: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

*Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.*

**People: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

***Song of Praise - "We Three Kings"***

*arr. by Raney*

Phyllis Jones, piano and Kirk Tutterow, piano

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**Chorus:** O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king of Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Chorus**

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. **Chorus**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Chorus**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **Chorus**

***Opening Prayer (In unison)***

***God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning,  
that we may see your light in the darkness.***

***Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises  
of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem.***

***May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us  
on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free.***

***May this time of worship bring us closer to you,  
that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform  
our lives. Amen.***

***A Time for the Child in All of Us***

*Amanda Bostick*

***Anthem - "Behold That Star"***

*arr. by Hayes*

Phyllis Jones, piano

***Scripture - Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12*** (OT Page 690 & NT Page 2)

***Sermon*** "Your Light Has Come!" *Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

***Invitation to Holy Communion***

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.*

*Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

***Prayer of Confession (In unison)***

***Ever patient God,***

***we are a people who live in thick darkness.***

***We stumble around, bombarded by news of war and poverty,  
famine and pandemic, injustice and oppression.***

***The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark,  
can overwhelm and paralyze us.***

***Help us to be people of the light,  
shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy  
into all the dark places of our lives and world.***

***Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem.***

***Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose,  
guided by your star.***

***Let the light break into our lives and our world,  
and transform us into people of light. Amen.***

*(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)*

***Words of Assurance***

*As certain as the dawn follows the night,  
so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all.*

*Arise and Shine.*

*Follow the star.*

*Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem...*

*And be transformed from darkness into light.*

***We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings***

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

***The Great Thanksgiving***

*Holy God,*

*In the beginning was darkness, mystery, and you.*

*By your own Word, you shattered the darkness with light.*

*You set in the sky radiant beams of sunlight*

*and punctured the night sky with sparkling jewels.*

*You forever changed our darkness.*

*Holy God,*

*Though there are shadows and worries,*

*you have placed your Word in us to be a lamp for our feet.*

*You have given your Spirit like a bright guiding star.*

*You fill us with Your Love as glorious as the sun.*

*You place your Truth like a crescent moon.*

*Every darkness is overcome with Light.*

*And every Light contains shafts of your Eternal Light.*

*God of the sun and stars, we praise you*

*and with all the creatures of earth and*

*all the company of heaven we join the 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.**

Ever-persistent and ever-loving God,

You placed a star in the sky to guide people from far and near to your child.

Jesus became the Light of the World,

drawing the lost and forgotten, the hurt and the wounded,  
the oppressed and depressed to the wellsprings of life.

He changed water into wine,

called unheralded workers to be disciples,  
preached good news to the poor,

healed the sick and beckoned people to love their neighbor.

By his baptism, suffering, death and resurrection he revealed the depths  
of your love and the power of light over darkness.

On the night he gave himself up, Jesus gathered with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his followers, saying,  
“Take, eat, this is my life broken for you.”

Likewise, he took the cup, blessed it and gave it to his disciples.

“Drink this, all of you, for this is my life poured out for you and for all,  
For the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Holy God;

Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may be a living sacrifice, holy and a  
acceptable in your sight, and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these gifts of bread and wine,

that through Christ’s presence we may become a beacon of holy light,  
a source of joy, a witness for peace.

**By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,**

**one with each other, one with seekers far and near,**

**and one in ministry to all the world**

**until we feast at the heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,**

**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,**

**now and forever. AMEN!**

### *The Lord’s Prayer*

### *Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Song of Response - “There’s a Song in the Air”* by Karl P. Harrington Phyllis Jones, organ

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!  
There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There’s a tumult of joy o’er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin’s sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar, has swept over the world.

Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

\* **Benediction**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

\* **Postlude** - "Joy to the World"

Phyllis Jones, organ

*arr. by Metzger*

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**Announcements**

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

**Adult Sunday School Quarterlies** are located in the Reception Area on a table beside of Donna's office. They are for December, January, and February. Please pick up your copy Monday-Friday during office hours.

**2021 Tithing Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the main hallway outside of the workroom. **Gentle reminder: Please destroy all previous years of envelopes and use the current year envelopes to reduce the chance of errors occurring.**

**Wednesday Prayer Gathering at NOON Returns on January 13th!** Please wear a mask and enter the sanctuary at the 4th Avenue entrance. Wash your hands as you enter and allow the usher to show you to a socially distanced seat. When the service has ended, you will be asked by the usher to leave one pew at a time. Only remove your masks once you are safely in your vehicle.

**Flower Calendar for the Altar and Narthex 2021**

The flower calendar is displayed on the bulletin board in the main hallway. You are invited to sign up as soon as possible to place flowers on either the altar or in the narthex in honor or in memory of a loved one, celebration or event. Please contact Donna Huskins regarding the information to be printed in the bulletin for the date(s) selected.

**Nominations Report 2021**

The report lists all persons serving on Church Council and ALL teams within the church and can be found in the display racks located at the entrances of 4th Avenue and State Street. You may view/print the report from our website—click the **Members** tab and enter the password. Please contact Donna Huskins by email: [dhuskins@firstumclex.org](mailto:dhuskins@firstumclex.org) or phone (336) 248-2886 to receive the password.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

*(Drop off items in the main hallway near the work room.)*

**Pastor's Pantry:** Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Canned Soups and Stews

**Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County**

- Clean & Gently Used **bath towels & washcloths**
- Personal Care Items: **shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.** (Travel size items will work quite well.)

**Backpack Program at Charles England & Pickett Elementary**

A list of needed items can be found on the website or at the donation table in the main hallway near the workroom.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

**Prayer Requests**

Kathy Baragona  
Lacy Carol Belcher  
Lloyd Brown  
Sue Corn  
Dean Davis  
Linda Fisher  
Jane Cook Harris  
Judy Hench  
Rachel Hendrix  
Earl Hester  
Creth Holman  
Larlie Mae Knight  
Chasen Martin  
Shane Martin  
Mary Norman  
Robert Phelps  
Betty Pope  
John Scarff  
Steve & Gay Smith  
Steve Weeks  
Mary Louise Wilkerson  
Dare Wilson

**Shut-Ins**

Bonnie Cates  
Jean Gosnell  
Dot Kinsey  
Caroline McCree  
Evelyn Sink  
Dr. Hunter Strader  
Flonnie & Jimmy Thomason  
Mary Williams

**Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)**

**Health Care**

Barbara Proctor  
Nancy Wilkinson

**Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)**

**Residents**

Jo Doris Beck  
Betsy & Jim Buchanan  
Herman Crabtree  
Adrian Neal  
Madeline Palmer

**Benton House (Charleston, SC)**

Janice Bacon

**Brookdale (Lexington)**

Joe Sink

**Elmcroft (Salisbury)**

Sandra & Jimmy Shoaf

**The Laurels at Highland Creek (Charlotte)**

Carolyn Briggs

**Wood Haven (Albemarle)**

Louise Pope

**Extended Family & Friends**

Jamye Cartner Christy  
Ann Leonard  
Paul Leonard  
Richard Skinner  
Johnny Fritts  
Rebecca MacNeilage  
Martha Shore Winters  
Cora Tews  
Bill Hopkins  
Keith Tutterow  
Russ  
Alma Kernodle  
Nicholas Melomo  
Jason, Stacy & Trent Heitman  
Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)  
Maria Hilliard  
Mark Milligan  
Louise Michael  
Tracy Michael  
Dana Michael  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Emily Hounshell  
Larry Starnes  
Jan Greer  
Pat & Gary Leonard  
Clayton Hepler  
Norma S. Trotter  
Shannon & Steve Ford  
Lynn Mack & family

Tami Robinson  
Kelli Jones  
Faye Graham  
Kendall Conner  
David Ogle  
Kristin Harris  
Anna Smathers  
Pat Wilson  
Jack Smith  
Jane King  
Breanna Wilson  
Ethan Reavis  
Jenny Rains  
Bentley Leonard  
John Bruce Davis  
Eric Leonard  
Debra Ann Leonard  
Betty Jean Whitaker  
Len & Dottie Harris  
Jordan Beswick  
Regina Chrest  
Bruce Thomton

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

Capt. Kacie Allred  
SGT John Hall  
Major Jarrad Thorley  
SGT Alan Ingram

**Our Stewardship for God's Work** Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Just a gentle reminder that you may continue to give during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19.

You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, drop by the church office and online.

Report for Sunday, December 27, 2020

YTD Income: \$463,852.99

YTD Expenses: \$484,599.88

Net Income (Loss): (\$20,746.89)



**Online Giving For mobile device users**, the QR (Quick

Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 3

#### ***Epiphany Sunday***

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—  
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)  
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

### Monday, January 4

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### Tuesday, January 5

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!

### Wednesday, January 6

- 9a-5p Church Office Open  
Make your worship reservation today!

### Thursday, January 7

- 9a-5p Church Office Open

### Friday, January 8

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

### Saturday, January 9

### Sunday, January 10

#### ***Baptism of the Lord***

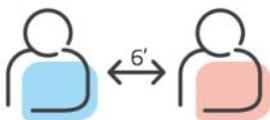
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## Know your 3 W's



### WEAR

a cloth face covering.



### WAIT

6 feet apart and  
avoid close contact.



### WASH

your hands often or  
use hand sanitizer



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**Claire Norris**, Nursery Staff

**Alma Carlton**, Financial Secretary [acarlton@firstumclex.org](mailto:acarlton@firstumclex.org)

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