

# Order of Worship

Christmas Eve/Communion  
December 24, 2024

Attendance Cards: Please complete & drop in offering plate.  
We're glad you're here!

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

**PRELUDE** "O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Bober  
Maya Fairchild, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this day to hear the angel  
proclaim to us: Do not be afraid, I am bringing  
you good news of great joy!

**All: To us is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is the Messiah.**

One: We come with haste to see what has  
taken place.

**All: We come to join with the angels, singing:**

One: Glory to God in the highest!

**All: And on earth peace!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH 234  
vs. 1,2,3,6

## \*UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God,  
on this holy day we stand amazed with the shepherds  
at the wonders of your love.  
Pour out your grace upon us as we worship  
so that we may receive this great gift  
that you so generously give.  
May the good news of this day  
inspire us to share your love with all people.  
In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

**PSALM READING** Psalm 96 p.479 Santa Biblia p. 479

**HYMN** "Away In a Manger" UMH 217 vs. 1

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Away in A Manger" UMH 217 vs. 3

**OFFERTORY** "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Bober  
Maya Fairchild, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY** "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221 vs. 4

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:1-20 p. 832 Santa Biblia p. 786

**MESSAGE** "Quirinius is a Hard Word" Rev. Kim Armentrout

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

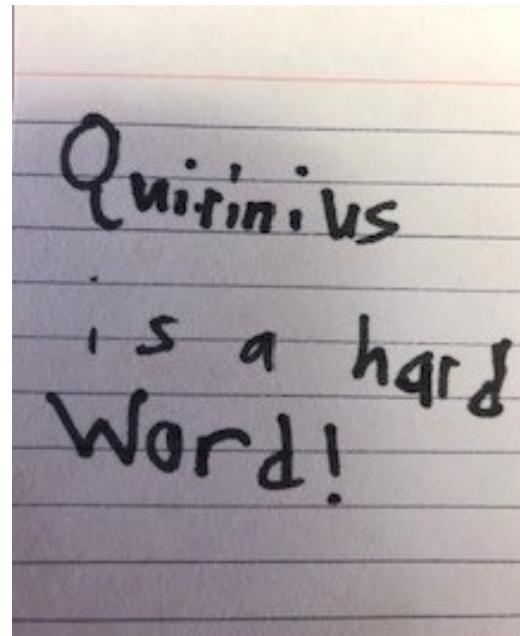
**Hymn** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230  
vs. 1 & 2 Congregation  
vs. 3 & 4 Solo

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "What Child Is This" UMH 219

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Good King Wenceslas" arr. Greer  
Maya Fairchild, piano

\*Please rise



Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
from the  
First UMC Staff!



Senior Pastor.....Rev. Kim Armentrout  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Daniel Cardenas  
Director of Worship .....Mary Ellen Clinard  
Building Superintendent ..... Greg Cooper  
Office Manager ..... Pam Fugett  
Treasurer ..... Betsy Koval  
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## This Week at First Church

10:30 am  
7:00 pm  
7:30 pm

**TUESDAY 24 Christmas Eve**  
Worship/Communion — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
Pre Service Music  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Office closes at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
Office Closed

**THURSDAY 26—OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 27—OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY 28**

**SUNDAY 29 First Sunday of Christmas**  
9 am  
10:30 am

Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
**Nursery:** Dave & Patty McGraw

## Prayer Concerns

### Members of the Church Family:

Bob Rogers	Bob Weineke	Betty Risner
Judy Smith	Jerry Slama	Don Burley
Kathy Wright	Debbie Ellis	John Regensburg
Bill & Pat Schaefer	Tom Atkinson	Herman Emmert
All Our Homebound Members		

### Family & Friends of the Church:

Kerry Byrd, husband of Brenda Byrd	Tracy Snyder, sister of Vickie Frazer
Laurie Rogers, daughter of Bob & Becky Rogers	Tim Brown, nephew of Mary Maurer
Carolyn J Howard, niece of Mary Maurer	Marcia Young, friend of Glenna Combs
Thomas Swank II, nephew of Steve Swank & Melanie Alderton	Carl Shiflett, husband of Sandi Shiflett and father of Angela Murphy
Darnell Williams, step son-in-law of Brenda Byrd	David Hezlep & Kathy Hezlep brother & sister of Tim Hezlep
Pam Zenefski, aunt of Cory Smarzinski	Kate Huffman, daughter of Sue Faulkner
Cade & Conner Herring, nephews of Patt Gibson	Mary E., Friend of Sue Faulkner
Ernie Streithau, friend of Mike & Gloria Freeman	
Ray Neusch, friend of Tom & Chris Buchert	
Sandi Valandingham, friend of Gloria Freeman	

## Announcements

### CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

During this season there are several ways you could choose to share with our community.

- 1) We have started highlighting an item of the month for our Pantry. For Dec. it is sugar. Your donation can be placed in the blue barrel in the North foyer.
- 2) Our Giving Tree is located in The Commons. Shalom has Requested adult hats & gloves.
- 3) Gift cards/monetary donations for laundry or Friday Place can be placed in the container near the Giving Tree.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you ordered a poinsettia—Thank You! They always help make our sanctuary lovely. You will be given a card with the number of poinsettias you ordered. This card will be exchanged for your plants. Please refrain from taking them home until after the 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Holiday Schedule:*

Tuesday 24	Christmas Eve	
	9 am—2 pm	(closed during worship)
	10:30 am	Worship & Communion
	7 pm	Christmas Eve Special Music
	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday 25— Friday 27	Office Closed	
Monday 30	9 am—1 pm	
Tuesday 31	9 am—5 pm	
Wednesday Jan 1	Office Closed	
Thursday 2	9 am—5 pm	
Friday 3	9 am—1 pm	

*Beginning January 6, 2025:*

Monday	9 am - noon
Tuesday	9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	9 am - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

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### Serving in Worship

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Scripture Reader	Rick Lyke
Communion Servers	Sally Jo Inwood
	Linda Schmitt
Media Team	Johnny Schmitt
	Brent Alexander
	Rachel Hurley
	Sylvie Gadness
	Dave McGraw
	Danica Murphy

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