

Order of Worship

First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024

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

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

PRELUDE "He Is Born" arr. McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come this day to continue
our celebration of Christmas.

All: God's love born to us!

One: The world may have moved on to the next holiday

All: But our joy cannot be contained to just one day!

One: So let us praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise the Lord in worship and song!

HYMN SING

UNISON PRAYER

O God,
into a world of clerics and kings
you sent your child
to teach the wise and show the world
what power there is in love.
Keep us vigilant
to hear the voices
of those who speak your truth.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen. **

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Samuel 2:18-20, 26
p. 214 Santa Biblia p. 221

ANTHEM "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High" arr. Near

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN "Love Came Down At Christmas"
UMH 242 vs. 1

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:41-52
p. 833 Santa Biblia. 787

***HYMN** "Love Came Down At Christmas" UMH 242 vs. 3

SERMON "Looking For Jesus" Rev. Daniel Cardenas

RESPONSE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229 vs. 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229 vs. 2

OFFERTORY "Good People, All This Christmas Time" Tucker

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

***CLOSING HYMN** "Go Tell It On The Mountain" UMH 251

POSTLUDE "Let It Snow" arr. Jule Styne

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Faber

"We Wish You A Merry Christmas" Faber

Maya Fairchild, piano

*Please rise

**from Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor

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Music Notes

"Ding, Dong, Merrily on High" is a familiar hymn in most Anglican hymnals but is not in the United Methodist Hymnal. It is usually a popular Christmas Hymn in concerts and has gained international exposure as it's often included in King's College at Cambridge's "Lessons and Carols".

The 16th century tune was discovered by 19th century English composer and church ringer George Woodward and he penned the text and first published it with the tune in 1924. The text uses poetry that makes its sound much older than it really is—such as using Middle English words such as swungen, sungen, and rime. There is a long "Gloria" much like the one found in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" that is fun to sing and requires a long intake of breath! We have added handbells to the piece to add a bit of "sparkle" to this after Christmas anthem.

Mary Ellen Clinard

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Staff!

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This Week at First Church

9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
Nursery: Dave & Patty McGraw
MONDAY 30
 8 am Breakfast Club
TUESDAY 31
WEDNESDAY Jan.1, 2025—HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 Office Closed
THURSDAY 2
FRIDAY 3
 Noon **First Friday Concert—Jimmie Rogers**
SATURDAY 4
SUNDAY 5 Epiphany Sunday
 9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
Nursery: Sue Faulkner & Rose Morgan
 4:00 pm Shalom Winter Shelter starts

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Holiday Schedule:
 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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THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity some of our neighbors will have hats & gloves to help them stay warm and some of them will be able to get a meal at local establishments. Our pantry users had sugar to help with the extra needs that the holidays bring. These are only a few of the ways that we have used to live up to our motto "Christ Our Life, Service Our Lifestyle". Happy New Year!

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	

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