



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship January 1, 2023

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Susan Michelle Jepsen

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Michelle Jepsen

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

P: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

P: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

L: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

A: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. Amen.

*Hymn #62 “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(verses 1, 4, 5, and 7)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) **O God, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

CHILDREN’S TIME Molly Andersen

*GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40 (CEV)
The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the Law of Moses says a mother is supposed to do after her baby is born. They took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and presented him to the Lord, just as the Law of the Lord says, “Each first-born baby boy belongs to the Lord.” The Law of the Lord also says parents have to offer a sacrifice, giving at least a pair of doves or two young pigeons. So that is what Mary and Joseph did. At this time a man named Simeon was living in Jerusalem. Simeon was a good man. He loved God and was waiting for him to save the people of Israel. God's Spirit came to him and told him that he would not die until he had seen Christ the Lord. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to do what the Law of Moses says should be done for a new baby, the Spirit told Simeon to go into the temple. Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God, “Lord, I am your servant, and now I can die in peace, because you have kept your promise to me. With my own eyes I have seen what you have done to save your people, and foreign nations will also see this. Your mighty power is a light for all nations, and it will bring honor to your people Israel.” Jesus' parents were surprised at what Simeon had said. Then he blessed them and told Mary, “This child of yours will cause many people in Israel to fall and others to stand. The child will be like a warning sign. Many people will reject him, and you, Mary, will suffer as though you had been stabbed by a dagger. But all this will show what people are really thinking.”
The prophet Anna was also there in the temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. In her youth she had been married for seven years, but her husband died. And now she was 84 years old. Night and day she served God in the temple by praying and often going without eating. At this time Anna came in and praised God. She spoke about the child Jesus to everyone who hoped for Jerusalem to be set free. After Joseph and Mary had done everything that the Law of the

Lord commands, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. The child Jesus grew. He became strong and wise, and God blessed him.

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #174 “His Name Is Wonderful”

MESSAGE “The Mystery of Christ” Pastor Bonnie Davies

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Susan Michelle, 309-738-0946)
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES
*DOXOLOGY#95
*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison): **O God, may the giving of our gifts this morning help firm our resolve to be the disciples of Christ that you desire for the world, full of compassion, mercy and loving kindness. May we, like your son Jesus, be found dwelling in your presence and love when others come looking for us. In Christ steadfast love we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN #246 “Joy to the World”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

You can also find our online service on our Church Website
We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today
We are glad you are here.
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Keith Brown, Glen Brunner, Tim Cavanagh, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Furrow, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Ed Jepsen, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Vickie Moore (Molly's cousin), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Bill Robinson, Adalyna Rose, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Inga, Deana Moyer, Tommy Miner, Kevin MaHolmes, Susan Michelle's dad, Lea Ann Michels, Jiho Yim.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenny

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, Global economic crisis, The safety of Ukrainians & end of the war

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January

- 3 – Donald Adams, Scott Law, Pastor Dave
- 4 – Ben Pratt
- 7 – John Irons
- 8 – Mary Irons

CALENDAR

- Monday, January 2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1 pm Sewing Ladies
- Tuesday, January 3
6:30 pm United Women in Faith
- Thursday, January 5
9 am Bible Study
- Sunday, January 8
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship - Hybrid Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acolyte for January

January 8 – Ellie Johnson

Liturgist for January

January 8 – Joe Michels

Counter and verifier for month of January:

January 1 – Molly Andersen/Jackie Walker

January 8 – Rhonda Law/Tom Michels

Kids Kards – Next Kids Kards will be Sunday, January 22nd following service.

Youth Group – Next gathering is January 8th (Wed) at 5pm.

Choir Practice – Choir will sing during service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Next practice will be Wednesday, January 4th at 10 am.

United Methodist Men - Next monthly gathering, Tuesday, January 17th at 5:30 pm.

United Women in Faith – 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Soul Sisters – January outing – Tuesday, January 10th at 1 pm. A “Popcorn and a Movie” get together at the church.



**First United
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Sunday,
January 1, 2023
10:15 am
Hybrid Service

Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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BLOOD DRIVE
BLOODCENTER.ORG

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Wednesday, January 11th 2:30pm – 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall (2100 Chicago Ave.)

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.
To schedule, scan the QR code, email LaVona Grissinger at grandma54601@gmail.com or online at www.bloodcenter.org.

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ImpactLife

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