



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.”

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

10:15 AM November 30, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Jachino**

L: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

C: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

C: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and’ the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

C: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to Peace and flourishing for all creation.

ALL: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

***HYMN # UMH 196 – “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.”**

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Ever-present God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the The day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for The coming of your son. Save us from undue love of the world that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord and so, abide in him that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881**

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, died, 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

**Light of the Advent Candle (Hope) Gonzalez Family
HYMN # 211 “O COME O COME EMMANUEL ” VS. 1**

**HYMN SINGING: CHRISTMAS SONGS
Scripture Reading Linda Jachino**

Romans 13:11-14 **NRSVU**

HYMN SINGING: CHRISTMAS SONGS

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

**HYMN SINGING: CHRISTMAS SONGS
Joys and Concern**

**PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OURSELVES
*DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison).
God of hope, you not only gave us the gift of life, but you came so that we might have life to the fullest. Remember that Everything comes from you, including our very own lives, we’re giving back to you a portion of what we have received. Use this offering, joyfully given by your children, to further the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.**

***HYMN # UMH 249 “THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR.”**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando
*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bob Bauer-upcoming- surgery, Emily Medley and her brother -dealing with health issues, Salvador Sanchez-Esther Losh's uncle-health issues, Randy Suckling-heart transplant surgery went well, Sandy Froehlich

-(doing immune therapy), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Tinslee (recuperating from transplant), Alyssa Volkers, Karen (Paul’s Mayer sister, in hospice), The Norman family, Dan & Sharon Zambo, both have cancer, Mia (Paula’s co-worker), Tim Cavanagh (waiting for heart surgery). Derek Osborn, Vicki & Michael Thomas (Paula Mayer’s friends), Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), The Lars Colgan family. Christa Jachino- Battling breast cancer (daughter-in-law of Linda & John Jachino) Kris Dornbush, the sister of Kim Stuart, has a blood clot in her spinal cord and is paralyzed from the waist down. She is in rehab at Shirley Ryan Rehab in Chicago.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, July Law Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols. Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those grieving their loved ones.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
November / December**

30- Vivian Eaton
30 - Stephanie Shaw
30- Joe Michels
01 – Bonnie Davies
02 – Pearl Michels
02 John Mrigham
02 Sally Marken
03 – Shelby Rathje
06 – Isabel de Castro

CALENDAR

Monday, December 01
Office Open 9 am – 12 pm
1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
Tuesday, December 02
Office Open
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 03
Office Open
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday, December 04
Office Open 9 am – 4 pm
Friday, December 05
Office Open 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday, December 07
8:30 am – Prayer Meeting
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday Schools

10:15 – Main Service **WORSHIP HELPERS**

	November 39	December 7
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Ryker McCombie
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Paula Mayer
Counter	Lori Miller	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Tom Michels
Coffee Hour	Esther Losh	Worship Cmte
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 62+1 dog

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry –West Carroll School Food Pantry
Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

Blessing Basket – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant. This month, we are asking for donations of paper products, paper towels, facial tissues, and toilet paper. You can leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Prayer Group – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

Hanging of Greens - Next Sunday Dec. 07 and Community Christmas Concert will take place At 14 PM Do not miss.

United Women of Faith Tuesday, December 2nd Christmas Party – carpooling from the Church –Going to Rastrelli’s - Call Mary for information 815-541-8487

Soul Sisters December 4th Soul Sisters’ Christmas Get-together

*Lunch at Sunshine Café at 12 noon and then...

*”Festival of Trees” at the Savanna Museum

--*Raffles for prizes: vote for your favorite trees—*

*Classy Closet will be open for your used clothing

FUTURE EVENTS

Dec. 7 - Hanging of Greens

Community Christmas Concert
2:00 P.M. refreshments afterwards
A Freewill offering will be taken

Dec. 14 - Children's Christmas Program
Soup lunch hosted by UWF
Community Christmas Program

Dec. 23 Christmas Eve Service

This is choir schedule for Dec 7 CONCERT

Sunday, 11/23 noon Presbyterian church

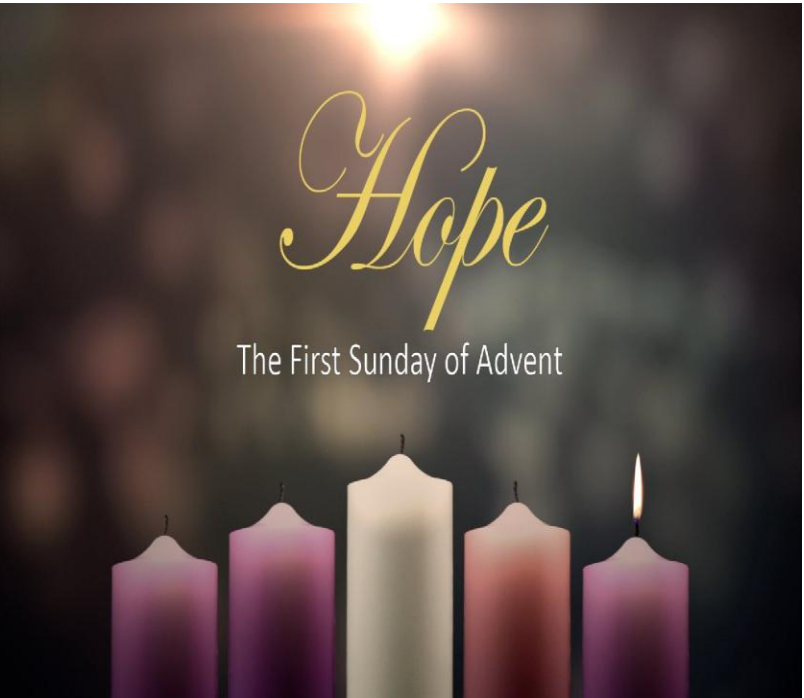
Sunday 11/30 noon Presbyterian

Sunday, 12/7 1:00 Methodist



Christmas Reading Plan

- December 1st - Luke 1
 - December 2nd - Luke 2
 - December 3rd - Luke 3
 - December 4th - Luke 4
 - December 5th - Luke 5
 - December 6th - Luke 6
 - December 7th - Luke 7
 - December 8th - Luke 8
 - December 9th - Luke 9
 - Deceeber 10th - Luke 10
 - December 11th - Luke 11
 - December 12th - Luke 12
- December 13th - Luke 13
 - December 14th - Luke 14
 - December 15th - Luke 15
 - December 16th - Luke 16
 - December 17th - Luke 17
 - December 18th - Luke 18
 - December 19th - Luke 19
 - December 20th - Luke 20
 - December 21st - Luke 21
 - December 22nd - Luke 22
 - December 23rd- Luke 23
 - December 24th - Luke 24



First United
Methodist Church
November 30, 2025
Sunday, 10:15 am
Vision Statement

“Reaching out to all people and
inviting them to experience the Love
of God through Open Hearts, Open
Minds, and Open Doors.”

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