



**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

December 4, 2022

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deeann Kramer

L: In this special service of Advent preparation, let us make ready this house of God for the celebrations with which we will welcome again the coming of the Christ into the world.

**P: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of his love through God’s Son, Jesus Christ.**

**A: For God so loved the world that God gave us God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Amen.**

**1. THE COLORS:** Expectation of the King

Song: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Choir

Placement of pastor’s cross necklace, cross, bible stand, and bible after singing

Pastor’s cross necklace – Sharon F. Guilinger

Cross – Julie Brigham

Bible & Bible stand – Karen Hoffman

Pulpit and lectern parament – Cori Moore & Martha White

(Reader: Deeann Kramer)

**2. THE GARLAND:** Eternal Life

Song: “Deck The Halls” Congregation (Screen)

Placement of the garland by children while singing

Garlands – Sunday School Teachers and Kids

**3. THE CANDLES:** Victory over Spiritual Darkness

(Reader: Deeann Kramer)

Song: “This Little Light of Mine” Sunday School Kids & Jiho  
Light altar candles while singing (Acolyte – Bob Grissinger)

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE)

The Michels Family

HYMN #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verse 1 (Screen)

\*SCRIPTURE

John 1:9-14

Pastor Dave

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

**4. THE WREATH:** The Love of God, Eternal, Without Beginning or End

(Reader: Deeann Kramer)

Song: “The Holly and the Ivy” Vivian Eaton

Hanging of wreath while playing

Wreath – Jon Darrow, Carlo Stubbe, Gary Dykema

**5. THE POINSETTIA:** Flower of the Holy Night

(Reader: Pastor Dave)

Song: “O Holy Night” Saxophone Solo: Sheri Benters & Vivian Eaton

Placement of the poinsettias while playing - Congregants

**6. THE TREE:** Blessed by the Child

(Reader: Pastor Dave)

Song: “O Christmas Tree” Jiho Yim & Aidan Michels & BangWool

Placing of the tree while playing

Tree – Jason Moore, Noah Johnson, Bill Wright

**7. THE CHRISMONS:** Symbols of Christ

(Reader: Deeann Kramer)

The Chrismons will be hung on the tree by the children as each symbol is explained. Music during placing of Chrismons!

Helpers: Jason, Noah, Bill

Triangle

Crown

Maltese Cross

Fish

Six Pointed Star

Butterfly

Dove

Anchor, Cross of Hope

The Ball with the Cross Atop

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

\*OFFETORY PRAYER (In Unison): **We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**8. THE CRECHE:** The Nativity

(Reader: Pastor Dave)

Luke 2:1-7 (Pastor Dave)

Mary, Joseph, Infant Jesus, and animals enter while reading

Mary – April Ruddell

Joseph – Quinn Ruddell

Baby Jesus – Shay Harper Ruddell

Animals – Sunday School Kids

Song: “Away in a Manger” verse 1, Sunday School Kids

Luke 2:8-18 (Deeann Kramer)

Shepherds and angel come to front while reading

Shepherds: Diane Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis, Deb Long

Angel: Asia LaShelle

Song: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” verse 1, Congregation

Matthew 2:1-2 and 10-12 (Pastor Dave)

Wise men enter and pay homage to Baby Jesus while reading

Wise Men: John LeComte, Bruce Badke, Joe Guilinger

Song: “We Three Kings” verse 1, Congregation

Solo: “Mary Did You Know” Pastor Dave Yim

**ADVENT HYMN OF JOY**

Song: “Joy to the World” Congregation

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

**There will be Christmas Cookies and Punch after church!**

You can also find our online service on our Church Website. We welcome all visitors to our Worship today. We are glad you are here.

### In Our Prayers

Keith Brown, Tim Cavanagh, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Furrow, Sandy Gabriel, BobGrissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Ed Jepsen, Madison Keller, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Mike Miller, Vickie Moore (Molly's cousin), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Ben Pratt, 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), the Family of Lydia Root, the Family of Bill Weidman  
**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

December 9 – Lynn Haas

### CALENDAR

Monday, December 5

1 pm Sewing Ladies  
3:30 to 5 pm WC Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 7

10 am Choir Practice  
2 pm Soul Sisters (Timber Lake Playhouse)

Thursday, December 8

9 am Bible Study  
1:30 to 3 pm Senior Service at nursing homes  
4:30 pm Advent Bible Study (Book of Micah, Week 2)

Sunday, December 11 – UMW MINI Bazaar

8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship – **Hybrid Service**  
2 pm Community Christmas Concert

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 63

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Counter and verifier

December 11 – Rhonda Law/Pam Darrow  
December 18 – Lori Miller/Sharon Guilinger

#### Acolytes

December 11 – Dalton Shaw  
December 18 – Asia LaShelle

Bible Study - Every Thursday @ 9 am

Adult Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 8:45 am

Children & Youth Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 9:30 am

Youth Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm

Worship - Let us worship God together! **10:15 am** Hybrid Service

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org / Facebook page – Savanna Firstumc

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Savanna Historical Museum – Festival of Trees (11/25 – 12/11)

Weekdays 4 pm – 7 pm / Weekends Noon – 5 pm

Community Christmas Concert - Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at First United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7 pm with communion

### Poinsettias

In Memory of:

**David Brinkmeier** By: Dianne Brinkmeier

**Fred & Barb Hottenstein** By: Janet Smith, Denise Curtis and Dianne Brinkmeier

**Suzanne Atherton, Harold & Lena Atherton and Fawn Strubb** By: Rhonda Law, Kelley Johnson, Kris Yingling and Families

**Linda Reifsteck** By: Rhonda Law, Kelley Johnson, Kris Yingling and Families

**Letitia Weidman** By: Bill and Becky Weidman and Lendon

**Bob & Ruth Kelly** By: John & Mary Irons

**Violet & Harold Handel** By: Lynn Haas

**Bob Davidson** By: Judy Davidson and Family

**Abel & Ruby Bielema and Andrew LeBrecht** By: The Gonzalez Family

**Grandma Martha Rhoden** By: The Guilinger Family

**Burt and Peg Dauphine** By: The Guilinger Family

**Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Amesquita** By: Molly & Jeff Andersen

**Mr. & Mrs. Harold Andersen** By: Molly & Jeff Andersen

**Katy & Rachel Wright** By: Bill Wright

**Min/Mr. Albert Prins** By: Burt Prins

**Mr./Mrs. George White** By: Burt Prins

**Lillian + Leslie Eaton & Paul + Launa Frederich** By: Jim + Vivian Eaton

In Honor of:

**My Children & Grandchildren** By: Bill Wright

**Molly Andersen** for doing Kids Kards + Blessings Basket + Watering summer flowers + Providing outdoor flowers and decorations By: Jim and Vivian Eaton

**3 Children Owen, Margaret, Elyssa** By: Bonnie Davies



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### 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  
incommon.” (Acts 2:44)*

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