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."

10:15am Sunday Worship

December 7, 2025

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER
*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Jachino

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.

All: 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: "Carol for Advent"

Choir

* Coordinator: Linda Stubbe

Cross – John LeComte

Bible - Diane Stand – Denise

Alter Candles – Linda & Carlo Stubbe

Speaker 1 Paula

Speaker 2 Jason

2. THE GARLAND: Eternal Life

SONG: "Deck The Halls" Congregation

Garlands – Sunday School Teachers and Kids

3. THE CANDLES: Victory over Spiritual Darkness

Acolyte – Ryker McCombie SONG: "Pastors Family"

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE)

HYMN "Light the Advent Candle" (vs 1 & 2 and refrain)

Congregation

*SCRIPTURE John 1:9-14

Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

4. THE WREATH: United Women of Faith

The Love of God, Eternal, Without Beginning or End

5. THE POINSETTIA: Flower of the Holy Night

Poinsettias - Congregants

SONG: "O Holy Night" Clarinet solo Julie Petty

6. THE TREE: Blessed by the Child

Tree –

SONG: "O Christmas Tree" Congregation

7. THE CHRISMONS: Symbols of Christ

OFFERING OURSELVES Song: Pastor Fernando

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Persistent God of new paths, we have been called to prepare the way—not with platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance: In the name of the one who is coming and is already among us—Christ, our Lord. Amen

8. THE CRECHE: The Nativity

Song Hymn #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7
Mary – Claire Rodriquiz
Joseph – Nathaniel Law
Baby Jesus – Vincent Law

SONG: "Away in a Manger" (vs 1& 2) Sunday School (vs 3 & chorus) Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-18

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Shepherds – Kirk Hoffman, Joe Pasch, Aiden Michels

Angel – Pearl Michels

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-2 and 2:10-12

SONG: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (vs 1)

Wise Men – Derek Osborn, Mike Noble, James Gonzalez

SONG: "We Three Kings" (vs 1 & chorus) Congregation

Congregation

Vs 2,3, 4 sung with appropriate kings enter

Congregation sings vs 5 and chorus

Sending Forth – Congregation Stands

*ADVENT HYMN OF JOY

SONG: "Joy to the World" Congregation

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernado
*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, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Jackie Walker, Sharon Beyer, Florence Bevins-Powell. Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East; people affected by the heat, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and hurricanes; the towns, families, students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November

30 – Vivian Eaton

30 – Stephanie Shaw

30 – joe Michels

December

01 - Bonnie Davies

02 - Pearl Michels

02 – John Brigham

02 – Sally Marken

03 – Shelby Rathje

09- Lynn Haas 10 – Rhonda Badtke

CALENDAR

Monday, December 8
9:00 am to 12:00 am – Office open
Tuesday, December 9
9 am to 12 noon – Office open
Wednesday, December 10
9:00 am to 12:00 am – Office open
Choir Practice
Thursday, December 11
9:00 am to 12:00 pm Office Open
Friday, December 12
9:00 am to 12:00 am – Office open

Sunday, Dec 14
9 am – Adult Sunday School
9 am – Youth Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 7	December 14
Acolyte	Ryan McCombie	Faith Gonzalez
Liturgist	Paula Mayer	Susan King
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Worship cmte	UMC-Soup
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WC Food Pantry</u> - Please consider giving to the food pantry as they are in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

Blessing Basket -

<u>The Women's Group</u> 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.

Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!

New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be a 5 week class, once a week, either in person of via Zoom. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know

<u>Volunteers Are Needed</u> – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office knows.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Dec. 23 Christmas Eve Service



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 7December 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 19December 20th Luke 20
- December 21st Luke 21
- December 22nd Luke 22
- December 23rd- Luke 23
- December 24th Luke 24





First United Methodist Church December 7, 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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