



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 Service December 17, 2017

Prelude
Words of Welcome and Announcements

* **Opening Prayer (In Unison)**
God of justice and joy, we gather together in your name to proclaim the good news of your presence among us. Where there is oppression, we will shout a message of your liberating love. Where there is sorrow, we will sing a song of your healing love. And where there is fear, doubt, confusion, or anger, we will shine the light of Jesus Christ, your incarnate love, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

* **Call to Worship**
L: May our souls magnify God.
P: **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**
L: God gives rest from all that afflicts us.
P: **God goes with us wherever we go.**
L: This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.
P: **This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.**
L: May our souls magnify God.
A: **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior. Amen**

Lighting the Advent Candle: Advent Four: Presence
The Bussan Family & Bonnie Davies
Hymn #2090 “Light the Advent Candle” (verse 1,2,3,4)

Sharing the Peace of Christ
“Peace be with you. And also with you!”
(Take this time to greet one another in Christ’s love.)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Silent Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson Romans 13:8-10/ Luke 1:47-55
L: This is the word of God for the people of God.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Program “Emoji Christmas” (part 2)

Hymn #240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Offertory Sentence
Please use this time to register your attendance in the red booklets found at the end of each pew and pass it along your row.

Offertory
* **Doxology # 95**
* **Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**
Bountiful God, we rejoice in your goodness! You have done wonderful things for your people through the ages. We are grateful for your precious gift of being forgiven through Jesus Christ. You brought us out of sadness and into joy, as you tenderly wiped away our tears and gave us laughter. Let our gratitude overflow in love and kindness for people who are near and far away. Use our gifts and offerings to bring hope and happiness to our neighbors through the mission of this church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 126)

Communion
Apostle’s Creed

* **Hymn #209 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”**
* **Benediction**

In Our Prayers
John Hamm, Glen Brunner, John Powell, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill Remrey, Jerod Wood, Ed Arb, Judy Orn, Joan Miller, Robin Cook, Loran Ahmedi, Jim Chaplin, Kevin Hersey, Lance Wallace, Nancy Sweitzer, Denise Curtis, Kevin Schmidt, Elinor Froehlich, Sharon Beyer, Sherrie Searheart, Joan Hallaron, Bill McCormick, John McConnel, Military Personnel and their families

Birthdays & Anniversaries
Dec 18 Michele Reagen, Bituin Michels
19 Kyle Miller, Dennis Harvilla, Zachary David, *Jerry & Sue Ingersoll 1987*
20 Cara Keppen, Kurt Dreger
21 Bethany Wright, Heather Heffelfinger, Brady Knop
24 Ann Larsen
25 Joseph Green

Calendar
Sunday, December 17 Children’s Program
8 am Trustee Meeting
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Ad Council Meeting
Monday, December 18 TELSTAR DEADLINE
9 am Body & Soul Yoga
Thursday, December 21
8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study
9 am Body & Soul Yoga
Saturday, December 23
8:30 am Weight Watchers- Fellowship Hall
NO SATURDAY SERVICE
Sunday, December 24
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
7 pm **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
Monday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday, December 28
8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study
9 am Body and Soul Yoga
Saturday, December 30
8:30 am Weight Watchers
5 pm Worship
Sunday, December 31
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
Monday, January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
OFFICE CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **We welcome all visitors** to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. **Friendly reminder** to Ramona Green! You are the verifier for next Sunday! And Rhonda Law, you are the counter!
3. **LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:**
Saturday: 28
Sunday: 86
Sunday School: 28
Community Christmas Concert: 107
4. We need people to sign up for the **nursery. Two people each week.** We also need people to learn how to operate the media and audio systems. Please call the office if you are willing to volunteer!
5. **Extra Christmas offering envelopes are located in the Narthex!**
6. **Join us** for our **candle light service on Christmas Eve at 7pm.**



Worship Helpers

PASTOR: Rev. Joey Garcea

MUSICIAN: Vivian Eaton
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST: Shauna Roberts
CUSTODIAN: Kay Cavanagh
GROUNDKEEPER: Don Kramer

December 17

Acolyte:
Audio: Kay Cavanagh
Children's Time: x
Coffee Hour: Hannah & Hayley Guilinger
Communion:
Greeters: Ron & Lori Miller
Liturgist: Peg Dauphin
Media: Paul Mayer
Nursery:
Ushers: Burt Dauphin, Pam Darrow
Advent Readers: Bonnie Davies

December 24

Acolyte: AM-Tommie Falk PM-
Audio: AM-Kris Yingling PM-
Children's Time: Pastor Joey
Coffee Hour:
Communion: x
Greeters: AM- PM- Bob & LaVona Grissinger
Liturgist: AM- Brennon Cavanagh PM-
Media: AM- Chris Falk PM-
Nursery: AM- Molly Andersen PM-
Ushers: AM- Linda Jachino PM- Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Jessica Boyer
Advent Readers: AM- Susan Michelle Jepsen PM- Guilinger Family



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Sunday, 10:15 am

*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

--Jesus Christ

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