



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 27, 2020

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.
P: Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.
L: The darkness that enveloped the people,
P: Has been pierced by the Light.
L: Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!
A: Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

HYMN#191 “Jesus Loves Me” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

O Almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS
(Theme: Wisemen)

SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:4-7 (CEB)
GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:25-32, 36-38 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN#393 “Spirit of the Living God” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “Simeon and Anna” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES
DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)
God of hope and joy, like Simeon, our eyes have seen your salvation, and you give us light in our darkness. Help us embrace your extravagant generosity as we give ourselves to you and to others. In our Savior's holy name, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN#249 “There's a Song in the Air” (Insert)

BENEDICTION
Go into God's world, bearing the light of hope and peace. Bring the Good News of the love of God through Jesus Christ to all the people.
Go in peace.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on [our Church Website.](#)

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer,
Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin,
Patti Thulen, Betty Speck,
Beth Wickes, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn,
Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk,
Katie Wand, Patty Nevills, Pam Darrow,
Lea Ann Michels

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,
Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner,
Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

West Carroll Schools,
Nursing homes in Carroll County,
Military Personnel and their families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December

27 Jim & Vivian Eaton 1962

28 Shayla Roberts, Carl Bates

30 Stephanie Shaw

Calendar

1. 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.
2. Friendly reminder: you are the counter for next week. The verifier is Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 68
4. UMW is collecting food for both food pantries in Savanna. Items they need include: crackers, juice, egg noodles, canned pumpkin, sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper and canned vegetables.
5. Drive-in worship services will be continued thru January!!
6. Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online? You can use this website link:
http://tithe.ly/give/?web=1&church_id=373533
You can also download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) – the green one.
Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or logged in, locate your church – First United Methodist Church, Savanna, IL and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!
7. Pastor Dave will be going on vacation from 12/28 to 12/31. Rev. Bonnie Davis is the emergency contact person for pastoral care. Her cell phone number is 815-275-0375
8. Happy New Year to you all!

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*“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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