



Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Sam Semotan-Dir. Little Friends

December 27, 2015

Lessons & Carols

10:30 a.m.

Welcome visitors – *Whether you're related to a 'regular,' or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, we're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!*

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.*

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service! Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room in the lower level of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles

"Silent Night"

Ringing of the Bell

Christian Chaos

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which came to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

ALL: Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this hold Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

* SING

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

(vss. 1,3,6) No. 234

[Advent/Christ candles will be lit as this song is sung.]

NARRATIVE Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19, Genesis 22:15-18, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(vs.1) No. 196

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer"

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(vs. 2) No. 196

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Greta Bierman

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

NARRATIVE	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	
* SING	“What Child is This?”	No. 219
NARRATIVE	Luke 1:26-35, 38	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Mary Did You Know?”	Chaos
NARRATIVE	Luke 2:1-7	
* SING	“Silent Night”	No. 239
NARRATIVE	Luke 2:8-16	
* SING	“Angels We Have Heard On High”	No. 238
NARRATIVE	Matthew 2:1-11	
THE OFFERTORY	“We Three Kings”	No. 254
	<i>(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)</i>	

PRAYER of DEDICATION (unison)

Awesome, holy and loving God, we acknowledge that tears and smiles are both important parts of life. May these sacrificial offerings help to wipe away tears and bring smiles to your children as we seek to follow your star. May no one miss the joy! Amen.

NARRATIVE	John 1:1-14	
* SING	“Joy to the World”	No. 246
* BLESSING and DISMISSAL		
Leader:	May the Christ, who by his Incarnation gathers into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father , the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.	
People:	Amen.	
Leader:	Go forth in peace and joy.	
People:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE	“Oh What a Glorious Night”	Chaos
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December 27 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Liturgist: Kris Clark; Power Point: Comstock Family; Children's Lesson: Ushers: Ron & Lois Salmonson; Greeters: Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban; Fellowship Coffee: Rick & Judy Rouse; Nursery: Zoe Stonebraker

January 3 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Communion Stewards: Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Power Point: Brian Heil; Fellowship Coffee: Ron & Dixie Martin, Lin Hannes; Ushers: Stonebraker family; Greeters: Wayne & Ann Neville; Nursery: Bob Young

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Donna Gault, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Chris Keller, Ron Martin, Mark McKay (Ken's bro), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Heather Strefling, Gary Taylor, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Family & friends of Edna Hamilton, celebrating her 105th birthday with Jesus. Funeral is tomorrow at 10:30.

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Gary Kline, Katie Ryan, Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Worship 239, Sunday School 100, General Fund \$10,814.00, Gathering Place Fireplace \$3000, Apportionments \$600.00, Leaving a Legacy \$500.00, Shared Blessings \$500.00, L.F. Preschool Salary \$886.32, Missions \$10.00, Copper Kettle \$32.15, Christmas Offering \$537.00, Angel Tree \$50.00, Grand Total \$16,929.47

This Week

Sun. Dec 27: 10:30 am Worship

Wed. Dec 30: 6:00pm GIG

Thurs. Dec 31: Office Closed

Fri. Jan. 1: Office Closed

Sun. Jan 3: 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG; 9:00am Group Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 3:30pm Junior Lego League