

December 25, 2016

born in a
MANGER
to reign in
HEAVEN



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

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

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** 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. If you’re new to First UMC, 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; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table. Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.

Inside this bulletin is a an 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 Gathering Place at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

We Come Into God's PRESENCE

* *Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Piano

Callie Seylar

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell (*The Light of Christ enters our worship*)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSERTS

* Passing of Christmas Peace

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

P: We receive Jesus, the King, into our hearts.

L: Let us worship with gladness that comes in knowing that Christ was born to live among us.

P: His name shall be called Emmanuel, which means God with us. Praise the newborn King!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Stonebraker Family

* CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE SONG "Go Tell it On the Mountain" #251 vs.1,3

God Calls Us to PRAY

(The bulletin insert includes space to write your prayer requests, both joys and concerns.)

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **God of Glory, Your splendor shines from the manger in Bethlehem and brings us peace. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the people around us. We pray that the Light of the world, love's pure light in Jesus Christ, will shine on all the world this night and always. Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER SONG

"Away in a Manger"

#217 vs.1,3

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2: 4-10 (NIV)

RESPONSE: L: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of *GIFTS*

OFFERTORY

Piano

Callie Seylar

*** PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND DEDICATION**

Let us Pray: **Almighty and Everlasting God, thank You for the birth of Your Son, Jesus, whose life brings light and love to all people. The gift of Jesus is too wonderful to ever match with our own gifts. Yet, Lord, we offer to You what we are able. Bless and multiply these gifts and guide us as we use them, that they may bless many in Your name. We pray all this and more in Christ's Holy Name. Amen.**

We Are Sent Forth for God's *SERVICE to the World**** SONG OF SENDING**

"What Child is This"

No. 219 vs.1,3

*(The Light of Christ goes before us into the world)**** BLESSING & SENDING**

L: Christ Jesus is born! Give Him the glory!

P: Christ has come down from heaven! We exalt His Holy Name!

L: Let all the earth sing praises to the Newborn King!

P: Our hearts dance as we glorify the Lord of Life! Christmas joy to all!

POSTLUDE

Piano

Callie Seylar

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Note of thanks: Forgive my weeping but I was overwhelmed by the expression of love my church family gave me at the honorium last Sunday. Ken and I are very grateful for all our church friends. A special thank you goes to Judy Rouse for the delicious chocolate cake she baked for me. We will be sharing it with our family.

With Love, Sylvia Gould

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

December 25 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny
Liturgist: Judy Rouse
Ushers: Kris Clark, Larry & Kathy Houstman
Greeters: Kevin Spickerman Family
Nursery: Closed
PowerPoint: Becky Young create; Jessie Lieser run
Fellowship Coffee: Judy Ohrt, Angie Keller, Alice Daufeldt

January 1 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Berrie Glick
Liturgist: Berrie Glick
Ushers: Marv & Kay Miller, Barb Rickard
Greeters: Larry & Kathy Houstman
Nursery: Cheryl Person
PowerPoint: Alec Heil
Fellowship Coffee: Bob & Barb Rickard

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law), Brady Miller (Sherry Willey's grandson) arm surgery Dec 29

Healing: Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Alberta Wagaman, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss
Comstock family
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 Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul

December 18: Sunday School 62, \$16.00; Worship 140; General Fund 2432.50, Shared Blessings 101.00, LFP Teacher 886.32, LFP Director 299.03, Copper Kettle 52.95, Christmas Offering 120.00, After Sunday School Snacks 20.00, Kids for Christ 50.00; **Total \$3961.80**

This Week:

Sun. Dec 25: 10:30 am Worship
Tue. Dec 27: 1:00 pm GIG
Wed. Dec 28: 8:00 am Holy Folders, 1:30 pm Bible Study, 2:30-10:00p Youth Group Tubing Day, 6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00 pm Choir
Thu. Dec 29: 10:00 am GIG,
Sat. Dec 31: 11:00 am Shared Blessings
Sun. Jan 1: 10:30 am Worship

The Church Office...

will be open Dec 26-28
will be closed Dec 29-Jan 2

Merry Christmas from your church staff!

