

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Epiphany Sunday* – 01.07.18

PRELUDE..... *Cantilène*.....E. Ray Peebles
Gabriel Pierné

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Warren Angel Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”..... No. 117

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Deep River*.....Janet Coughlin, alto
Harry T. Burleigh

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Jeremiah 29:11-13.....Erik Rasmussen
Old Testament, Page 895 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

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**CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Billie Beck

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

THE LORD'S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Hymn of Promise”.....No. 707

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Erik Rasmussen

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Create in Me a Clean Heart*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Allen Pote Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 43:18-19.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 823 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**STRATEGIC STEPS FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR**.....Dr. Day

I. First, think positively about all things, including yourself.

II. Second, expect the best and always do your best.

III. Third, focus on your goals and visualize them being fulfilled.

IV. Fourth, be willing to pay the price to achieve your goals.

V. Fifth, look forward to a wonderful year and future.

VI. Finally, seek God with all your heart.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“This is a Day of New Beginnings”.....No. 383
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. Wilkinson
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTIONRev Wilkinson (8:30)
Dr. Rhoads (11:00)

SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ be with You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*In Thee is Gladness*.....E. Ray Peebles
[In dir ist Freude]
Johann Sebastian Bach



Banner: Annie Anderson (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (11:00)

Acolytes: Grayson Hargon, Layton Clark (8:30), Ivy Frierson, Claire Frierson (11:00)

Crucifer: Emily Anderson (8:30), Sanders Graf (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

♦ **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service:*

• *3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center*

• *K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.