

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *First Sunday After the Epiphany* – 1.8.17

PRELUDE*Elegy*.....E. Ray Peebles
George Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Rhoads

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00)..... Charlotte Marie Carr.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Adam Carr

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ave Maria*.....Madelyn Stewart, soprano
J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod

*Hail Mary Full of grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
Now and in the hour of our death Amen.*

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 607.....Dr. Rhoads

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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 Tate

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

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.....“O Come and Dwell in Me”.....No. 388

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

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.....Romans 12:1-2.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 196 in your Pew Bible

I. First, a breakthrough year involves a PROCESS.

II. Second, a breakthrough year involves a PURPOSE.

III. Third, a breakthrough year involves a POWER greater than your own.

IV. Fourth, a breakthrough year involves a PARTNERSHIP.

V. Finally, a breakthrough year involves a PRODUCTIVE LIFE.

† *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

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Larry Gatlin

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Praeludium, Fuge und Ciacona*.....E. Ray Peebles

Dietrich Buxtehude



Acolytes: Wilson Guidry, Kace Sweatman (8:30), Ben Vance, Catherine Corley (11:00)

Crucifer: Vivian Vekovius(8:30), Anna Toms (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:*

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

• *K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary*

• *2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*