

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *First Sunday of Advent* – 11.27.16

PRELUDE.....*Greensleeves*.....E. Ray Peebles
Richard Purvis

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” No. 196

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Goad

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEJohnny & Mary Peoples (8:30)
Steve & Berry Glassell (11:00)
Madalyn, Grace Mackenzie Byrd

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Songs Were Sung*.....Rebecca Vacha, soprano
John Jacob Niles

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 201.....Dr. Goad

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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.....Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. 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.....“Soon and Very Soon”.....No. 706

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Sweeter Music*.....Ensemble (8:30)

John Rutter

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 9:6-7.....Dr. Day

Old Testament, Page 781 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE PATH THROUGH TURBULENT TIMES**.....Dr. Day

I. First, try to trace the root cause of your insecurity.

II. Second, examine your attitude and lifestyle and change it.

III. Third, take action against your insecurity.

IV. Fourth, prayerfully hold in your mind a mental picture of the person you want to become.

V. Finally, affirm that Jesus Christ's presence brings security.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”.....No. 203
(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 Dr. Rhoads

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.

BENEDICTION Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Good Christian Men, Rejoice (In Dulci Jubilo)*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Gordon Young



Acolytes: Grayson Hargon, Ellen Douglas (8:30), Will Brady, Ashley Rayburn (11:00)

Crucifer: Wilson Guidry (8:30), Harrison Ayers (11:00)

Banner: Vicki Guidry (8:30), Mason Brady (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*