

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *First Sunday of Advent* – 12.03.17

PRELUDE.....“Sinfonia” from *Christmas Oratorio*.....E. Ray Peebles
Johann Sebastian Bach String Quartet

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

INTROIT (8:30).....*Christ is the World’s Light*.....Ensemble
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

INTROIT (11:00).....*Carol of the Stars*.....FUMC Children
Sharp, Hager and Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

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

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Clayton & Amber Burris (8:30)
Gavin, Sawyer, & Hope
Matthew & Brigette Melton (11:00)
Owen & Evan

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Pastorale” from *Christmas Concerto*.....String Quartet
Arcangelo Corelli E. Ray Peebles

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 201.....Rev. Wilkinson

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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 & 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.....“O Little Town of Bethlehem”No. 230

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING...“And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah*..String Quartet
G.F. Handel Ensemble (8:30)
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 9:2,6.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 780 in your Pew Bible

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.

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*O Holy Child of Bethlehem*.....Ensemble (8:30)
FOREST GREEN Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on "Il est né, le divin Enfant"*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard
[He is born, the Divine Christ Child]



Banner: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (11:00)

Acolytes: Layton Clark, Grayson Hargon (8:30), John Ashton Hunter, Owen Melton (11:00)

Crucifer: Rowan Miller (8:30), Harrison Ayers(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.