

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Second Sunday of Advent – 12.10.17

PRELUDE..... *O laufet, ihr Hirten*.....E. Ray Peebles
Max Drischner
[O Run Ye Shepherds to the Manger]

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

INTROIT.....*Angels from the Realms of Glory*.....Chancel Choir
REGENT SQUARE

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”.....No. 240

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 884.....Rev. Wilkinson

BAPTISM (11:00).....Blythe Gabrielle Hill.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. William James Hill, IV

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Ryan & Danae Day (8:30)
Adeline & Camilla
Neil & Lindsey Lewis (11:00)
Bennett, Henry, & Sarah Kathryn

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*.....Brass Ensemble
arr. Raymond H. Haan E. Ray Peebles, organ

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 199.....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.....Billie Beck

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop William Hutchinson

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.....“What Child is This?”.....No. 219

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Dream Isaiah Saw*.....Chancel Choir
Glenn L. Rudoph Brass Ensemble

† 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.....Luke 2:8-20.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 71 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE SEASON OF HOPE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, reallocate time for prayerful preparation.

II. Second, recognize He has a long-term plan for your life.

III. Third, realize God knows exactly what you need.

IV. Fourth, rededicate yourself to becoming a connection and channel of hope to others.

V. Finally, remember you don't have to worry because God is in control and you are not.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Angels We Have Heard on High”.....No. 238
(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. Goad

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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*O Holy Child of Bethlehem*.....Chancel Choir
FOREST GREEN

POSTLUDE.....*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*.....E. Ray Peebles
Johann Sebastian Bach
[Now come, Savior of the heathens]



Acolytes: Harper Hearron (8:30), Jillian Rodgers, Quinton Hilliard (11:00)

Crucifer: Hutson Hearron (8:30), Mason Sater (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.