

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *The Third Sunday of Advent* – 12.11.16

PRELUDE.....“I -Noël huron” from *Deux Noël’s*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard

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

INTROIT.....*Come and Worship*.....Ensemble (8:30)
REGENT SQUARE Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 211

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEChad & Stacey Hargon (8:30)
Geron, Guy, & Grayson
Hardy & Alyson Foreman (11:00)
Benjamin, Kate, & Sarah Margaret

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Wonder As I Wander*.....E. Ray Peebles
(Appalachian Carol) Richard Hemmings, bass
John Jacob Niles

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 199.....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 PRAYERRev. 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 Little Town of Bethlehem”.....No. 230

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Howard Helvey 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 26:3-4.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 799 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....PEACE FOR THE HOLIDAY PACEDr. Day

- I. First, invite the Prince of Peace into your heart and mind, and accept His peace-infusing presence.

- II. Second, welcome the Prince of Peace as a guard to ward off anxious thinking that will destroy your peace.

- III. Third, keep your mind stayed on God by trusting and leaning totally on Him.

- IV. Fourth, choose to live in today, not in the past or future.

- V. Finally, share with others the secret of living with the peace you have found.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.”.....No. 218
(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 MEMBERSRev. 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.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....2- *Toccata on Il est né, le divin Enfant*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard

Acolytes: Wilson Guidry, Grayson Hargon (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Colby Hamilton (11:00)

Crucifer: Vicki Guidry (8:30), Connor Edwards (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*