

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent* – 12.18.16

PRELUDE.....*Variation on a Medieval Carol*.....E. Ray Peebles
(Puer Nobis Nascitur)
Cyriakis Spangenberg/Robert Hebble

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Rev. Wilkinson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Barrow & Melanie Peacock (8:30)
Russell, William & Henry
Greg & Candy Watkins (11:00)
Garrett, Megan & Mollie

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Noël: Joseph est bien Marié*.....Rebecca Vacha
with organ variations Meredith Ball
Cameron Hughes
Benjamin McDonald
E. Ray Peebles, organ

Translation: *Joseph is well betrothed to the daughter of Jesse: this thing was very recent, that she would be mother and maiden, God has done well. Joseph is well betrothed. When Joseph heard that his woman had conceived: he was not contented at all, he was pained against Mary, and he wished to go from her. Joseph is well betrothed. But the Angel also told him, “Joseph,” he said to him, “your holy wife, Mary, is great with the fruit of life; she has conceived without sin.” Joseph is well betrothed. “Change therefore your thinking, and approach in your insolence, for by all his strength you shall endure his infancy and serve him with dedication.” Joseph is well betrothed.*

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 212.....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..... “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”.....No. 204

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*God So Loved the World*.....Ensemble (8:30)

John Stainer

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!*

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“What Child Is This”.....No. 219
(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.....*Noel Parisien*.....E. Ray Peebles
Charles Quef



Acolytes: Harper Hearron, Ellen Douglas (8:30), Rowan Miller, Caroline Wood (11:00)
Crucifer: Hutson Hearron(8:30), Alayna Millican (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*