

8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2019

The Gathering

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Welcome & Announcements

Robbie Breese

*Worship through Praise

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Nick & Lisa Miller

Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Advent Candle Litany: Prince of Peace

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People: **AND HE WILL BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF PEACE.**

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Chat with the Children

Susan Mathew

Blessing the Angel Tree Gifts

Demond Johnson

AWE children dismissed. Preschool - 5th grade.

Worship with Offering

Demond Johnson

Offertory

Still, Still, Still
Kayla & Judy Krites, piano duet

arr. D. Alexander

*Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-12

Robbie Breese, Pastor Chris, Anita Zuber

The Message

Series: Carols
Away in a Manger

Pastor Chris

Song of Prayer

Moments in prayer

*Closing Song

*Benediction

Praise Team Leader: Wayne Wells
Nursery: Jeff & Laura Osburn Welcome Table: Deb Moser

Series: Carols **Title:** Away in A Manger **Text:** Luke 2:1-12

Big Idea: In the manger we find the One who is Lord of all.

What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?

LEVELS OF SURRENDER

The _____ surrendered life.

The _____ surrendered life.

10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 15, 2019

Welcome & Announcements

Voluntary

Away in a Manger

K. Chapman

Lighting of Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord. He will come to His people, bringing peace and love.

People: **Rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord who came to us humble, born in the smallness of Bethlehem, in the poverty of a manger.

People: **We rejoice in God's goodness and give thanks.**

*Choral Introit

Christmas Gloria

A. Pote

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

*Hymn

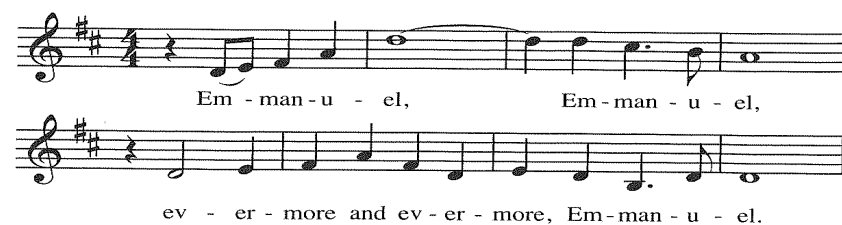
Angels from the Realms of Glory

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Best Family

Jeremy, Jennifer, Ethan, Lilly
Of the Father's Love By J. Raney



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Children Sing

Christmas Musical - A King is Coming to Town arr. G. Davis/S. Smith
In All Things & A King is Coming to Town

Soloists: Lucas Allison, Madalynn Laukhuf, Grace Spieles and Meah Johnson

WORSHIP WITH GENEROSITY

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Blessing of the Angel Tree Gifts

Demond Johnson

AWE children dismissed. Kindergarten and up

Offertory

Once in Royal David's City

F. Peeters

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sung to the melody of *The First Noel*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all
creatures here be low. Praise God above, ye
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Trad. English Carol

THE FIRST NOEL
Irr. with Refrain

*Prayer of Dedication

Demond Johnson

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

*Scripture

Luke 2:1-12

Craig Duff, Pastor Chris, Mary Ann Falk

Message

Series: Carols

Pastor Chris

Away in a Manger

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer with Choral Amen

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

*Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

K. Chapman

*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

Participants in 10:45 worship

Lead Pastor:	Chris Farmer
Dir of Student & Adult Ministry:	Demond Johnson
Liturgist:	Craig Duff
Organist :	Gloria Wendel
Choir Director:	Paul Hoverman
Acolytes:	Logan Taylor, Vance Wright
Sound Engineer:	Ron Allison
Welcome Table:	Nikki & Trevor Bebout
Nursery:	Rachel Gehrlich & Carly Bebout
2-3 year olds:	Kim Hughes & Sydney Dowler

FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS Esther Ley - health, Family of Keith Rawlings (Melinda Farmer's father), Lou Tomlinson - health/rehab, Family of Phyllis Turner (Scott Turner's grandmother), Linda Jeknavorian - infection, Rebecca Strickler - health, Carol Wilken - health, Sandra Anderson - Parkinson's, Jim Davis - cancer, Aiden Ellerbrock - rehab.

Please see the long term prayer list in the Friendly Visitor for other prayer needs or check the website under the drop down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

Military: Caleb Kreischer, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Conner Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christo-Baker, Ethan Glass, Michael Hellman, Greg Henry

Missionaries & Ministries: Stephen Ministry, Stand for Truth Ministry, Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo, Mission of Hope - Haiti.

First UMC extends our sympathy to Melinda Farmer on the passing of her father, Keith Rawlings. We pray you feel and know God's comfort in this difficult time. If you would like to send Melinda a Card, her address is 1 Leslie Lane, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

Sunday, December 15

Children's Christmas Musical 6:30pm
A King is Coming to Town

Thursday, December 19

"Hope Rekindled"
Christmas Service 7pm



Tuesday, December 24

ABCs of Christmas for the entire family Candlelight 5pm

Holy Communion in Krout Memorial 5:45-6:45pm & 8:15-9pm

Music begins 9:30pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve at First Church 10pm

Sunday, December 29

Combined Worship Experience 10:30am
Reception of New Members
Sunday School 9:30-10:15am
Meal following service

What's Happening THIS WEEK

Come Join Us!

Sunday, 12/15	8:15am 9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:45am Noon 1:00pm 6:30pm	Worship Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship Charge Conference Angel Tree Delivery A King Is Coming to Town Children's Musical
Monday, 12/16	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts Soul Friends @ Mi Ranchito Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 12/17	8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Guys Missing Wives @ Hickory Sticks
Wednesday, 12/18	8:00am 9:00am 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Cross Over the Hill - Synergy Food Pantry Women In the Word Seekers Group Handbells Chancel Choir
Thursday, 12/19	8:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Clay Pots Praise Band Practice Hope Rekindled Service
Friday, 12/20	10 - Noon Noon-12:45pm 6:00pm	Food Pantry Fridays @ First - Meditation & Organ Music - Sanctuary Bread N Bowl

Children's Christmas Musical

SHOW DATE
December 15th @ 6:30pm

FIRST united methodist CHURCH
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NOTICE: Charge Conference **TODAY** immediately following the 10:45 worship service. The Charge Conference will discuss the sale of .25 acres of the Bethel Property. Ad Board members and others interested should attend this conference.

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December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
Away in a Manger



Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:
Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus.

Our Mission Statement:
Embracing, equipping and empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus.

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you've been, you matter to God and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **we welcome you and look forward to seeing you again!**

Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.