

## Love Others



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Would you like to get church updates through text?

Sign up for our text service where we you can get the latest updates happening at FUMC.

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## Grow In Small Groups



At FUMC, we pray that everyone grows in their relationship with Jesus Christ and develops a deeper understanding of God's word.

**Evening in Old Bethlehem** - Volunteers are needed to move Bethlehem into the Expo on December 3rd from 2-6pm, and to cook items for the city and deliver them to the church by Thursday, December 7th, at noon. You can help take down the city on Sunday, December 10th from 1-3pm. For cooked items needed or anything regarding Bethlehem, contact Barbara Peterson 936-635-6689 or Valena Spradley 936-635-2875.

**Baby Jesus Reunion Photo** - 6PM on December 7th at the EXPO Center.  
**Bethlehem Cast** meeting and costume pick up at 6:30pm, December 7th.

**Gingerbread Nativity Building** - December 10th at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family.

Adult Classes (All Ages) [admin@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:admin@lufkinfirst.com)  
Nursery/Preschool/Elementary Age Children (Infant-5th Grade)

Rachel Dale at [childrens@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:childrens@lufkinfirst.com)  
(Need Nursery? Ask our ushers for more info.)

Jenny Capps [jcapps@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:jcapps@lufkinfirst.com)

Youth (6th-12th grade)

## Join Us In Prayer

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Davis  
Dot Brookshire  
Eugenia Valez  
Evie Lovell Sherry  
McClung Gwen  
Cunnigham Jim  
Kalhoefer  
Liz Wilkie

Mollie Shands  
Sandy McEntire  
Seth M Wheeler  
Sheridan Romack  
Sherry Roper  
Skye Wyckoff  
Tammie Fleming  
Tripp Friesen  
John McGuinness  
Barbara Brand-James  
Virginia Campbell  
Monika Vincent  
Jim Kalhoefer  
Bob Adams  
Rev. Clint Jordan

Cookie Yeates  
Mack Carnes  
Hannah Thompson  
Keith Varga  
Joan Martin  
Roy Knight  
Steve Homann  
Lori Quinn  
Marcy Luzinski  
Thalia Tierney  
Johna Trahan  
Michael Lee  
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Janet Squires  
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### Our Military...

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*He is  
Coming*

**Mark 13:24-37**

Sunday Worship

10AM

Sanctuary

December 3, 2023



# WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us today and we pray that you experience a time of community and spiritual renewal.

Please fill out our connection card on our mobile app or use the QR code, so that we can connect with you. Let an usher know if we can assist you in any way. Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member at FUMC, volunteers are ready to assist you with any questions you may have regarding activities and ministries at the church. FUMC Lufkin currently offers our weekly worship service in-person or on Facebook Live at 10 AM.

## Gather in Worship



### Upcoming Services"

December 32"-10am - [ qwj "cpf "Y qtuj kr "Egpvtg"  
December 19 -10am -"Ucpewct {  
December 24 - 10am - Sanctuary

### Check In

Scan this QR code to mark your attendance on your phone!



**FREE WIFI**  
Feel free to connect to **FUMC Guest WiFi**  
Use the password: **CharlesWesley\***

## December 3, 2023 • 10 AM First Sunday of Advent

### Prelude

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
arr. Rafael Scarfullery

### †Passing of the Peace

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

David, Andie, Alanna, & Dayne Carrizales

### †Congregational Response

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

### †Opening Prayer

Merciful God,

you sent your messengers the prophets

to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,

that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,

and may await with joy

the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

**One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### †Hymn of Praise ""

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

UMH No. 715

### †Act of Praise

*Ecpvkerg"qh"Light and Darkness*

Leader: We look for light but find darkness,  
for brightness, but walk in gloom.

**People: We grope like those who have no eyes;  
we stumble at noon as in the twilight.**

Leader: If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

**People: even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.**

Leader: Blessed be your name, O God, for ever.  
You reveal deep and mysterious things;  
you are light and in you is no darkness.

**People: Our darkness is passing away  
and already the true light is shining.**

### †Gloria Patri

### Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

### Invitation to God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ways To Give

- Through our website at [www.lufkinfirst.com](http://www.lufkinfirst.com)
- On the Venmo App - our username is @FirstUMC-Lufkin
- By texting FUMCLufkin to (936) 209-1422
- By mailing your check to: FUMC, 805 E. Denman Ave. Lufkin, TX 75901



'Advent

### Offertory

*People, Look East*  
arr. Rafael Scarfullery

Chancel Choir

### †Doxology

UMH No. 95

### Scripture

Mark 13:24-37

### Sermon

Dr. Bob Shield

### †Hymn

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

UMH No.720

### Service of the Table

### Invitation

UMH No.12

### Confession and Pardon

### Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God! Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

UMH No.15

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### †Hymn of Commitment"

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH No. 211  
(vs. 1-4)

### †Pastoral Benediction

### Postlude

† Please stand as able

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
arr. Rafael Scarfullery