

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment. Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time. **Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number**, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Holy Night"
Arr. Adolphe Charles Adams
Tim Hanneman, Soloist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 148
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him
in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining
stars! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he
commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds,
which cannot be passed.

**Praise the Lord from the earth, fire and hail, snow and
frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains
and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and
all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the
earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name
alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord! ALLELUIA!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of us all: You have sent us your best gift and he is
with us. We come today to renew our understanding of
your Word through His teachings. As we honor His
birth and life, we prepare for our own spiritual rebirth,
knowing that in the cold of winter we can open
ourselves to the warmth of your love and recognize the
commitment that you have made for us – You have
given us your Son. May we accept this gift with open
arms and understanding in our hearts and minds.
AMEN.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Joy to the World,"
UMH #246

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

PRAYER SONG

"Amazing Grace"
UMH #378

vs 1-3

KID'S MOMENTS

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p. 2233) as the children come forward. Ushers collect the "Ritual of Friendship Pads" at this time.

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Air on "Greensleeves"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

God of us all: You have given us all that we are and all that we have. On a winter night long ago, you gave us the most precious gift of all - your Son. What we offer today pales in comparison, but we give it toward the mission of spreading Your word to all who will listen and we again commit ourselves to You through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. AMEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Silent Night"

Mark Mettler, Pianist & Soloist

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

UMH #141

MEDITATION

"Why Were You Searching for Me?"

Scott Johnston

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Luke 2:41:52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" for December will be canned fruit, and vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, and egg noodles. Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building.

The 2019 flower chart has been posted on the kiosk. If you would like to sign up for flowers or grains for a Sunday in 2019, please be sure to sign up. Once your name is on the list you will be responsible to contact the florist of your choice to have flowers delivered for your particular Sunday. If you have any questions, you can call Becky at the church office.

The December mission offering will go to support UMCOR's Heifer Project. You will find a table in the back of the church to make your contribution at your convenience. Thank you to all who help with their monetary donations!

Church Budget and Attendance Information

December 23rd Attendance—136
Week of December 23rd Giving— \$10,450.37
Year-to Date Giving—\$379,526.88
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$406,553.87

In order for your giving to be applied to the 2018 fiscal year, all donations will need to be post marked by midnight on December 31st.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, Jean Burke, Jim Metzger, Kate Ray (Lorree Lee's mom), Marilyn Raine, Jan Olson, Bonnie Kersten, those in nursing homes and those men and women in our armed forces. Please let the church office know of anyone who may need prayers.

**Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church**

Sun, Dec 30

9:45 am Worship

Thus Jan 3

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Mon, Dec 31

Fri, Jan 4

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Tues, Jan 1 **Office Closed**

Sun, Jan 6

Wed, Jan 2

11:00 am Staff Meeting

8:30 am Chancel Choir

3:30 pm SALT

8:30 am Sunday School

4:30 pm Joyful Noise

9:45 am Worship

5:15 pm King's Kids

5:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Wesley Ringers

6:30 pm HS Youth Group

The 2019 Offering Envelopes are in the Wesley Parlor on the west table. If you use the giving envelopes, please feel free to take a box. It does not matter which box you take as they are no longer numbered. If the boxes are all gone, please stop by the office to pick up a box or let Becky know and she will bring more over to the church.

<p>Your Staff: The Congregation, The Ministers Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist. Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator Mark W. McClellan, Organist Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs Directors Gretchen Stanley and Amy Champagne, Praise Band Directors Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer Anna Jones, Lyndsey Bennett, Laney Jones, Nursery Assistants. Josh Goebel, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor Carol Schwarz, Housekeeping</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <p>Radio Broadcast at 11:05 am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM Office Hours: 8-12 and 12:30-4:30 Mon - Thur, 8-12 Fri Office: 515-576-7586 Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169 Email Addresses: Office: worship@fumcfortdodge.org Pastor: revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org Program Coordinator: mcassady@fumcfortdodge.org Website: www.fumcfortdodge.org</p> 
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GREETERS

Mary Williams (West Door)
Leroy & Meredith Berryhill (East Door)

LITURGIST

Dave Beekman

**The mission of First United
Methodist Church is to Love,
Grow, and Serve in Jesus Christ.**

- Loving:** Loving God and neighbors in all we say, do and live.
- Growing:** Growing in faith through worship, prayer, and study of God's word.
- Serving:** Serving others and sharing God's message.