

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday – 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

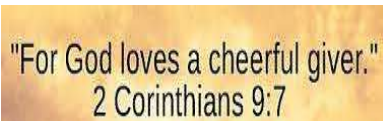
**DECEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries – 2- Madison Howell, Tommie Pittman, 3- Arthur Pigott, 5 – Ryan Singley, 6 – Maryann Hyatt, Joe Pierce, 7 – Judy Easterling, Kathy & Leonard Jones.**

**Prayer Request – Patty Dantin, Spooky Sims, Glenda Prillhart, Darren Hathorn, Dennis Pittman, Frances Campbell, Sonny Branch, Beth Barnes, John Toney, John & Judy Waits, Grace Bedwell.**

**Wednesday, December 5, 10:00 ZYZ, 3:00 p.m. Children's WWW, 3:30 p.m. – Youth WWW, 5:15 p.m. WWW Supper, 6:00 p.m. WWW Program and Sr. High Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir. Wednesday Night Supper Breakfast, Program: Christmas Carol Sing.**

**Trustee Meeting will be held Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Maggie Mae Burrow Room.**

**Triple M's & UM Men's Class Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center.**



"For God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7

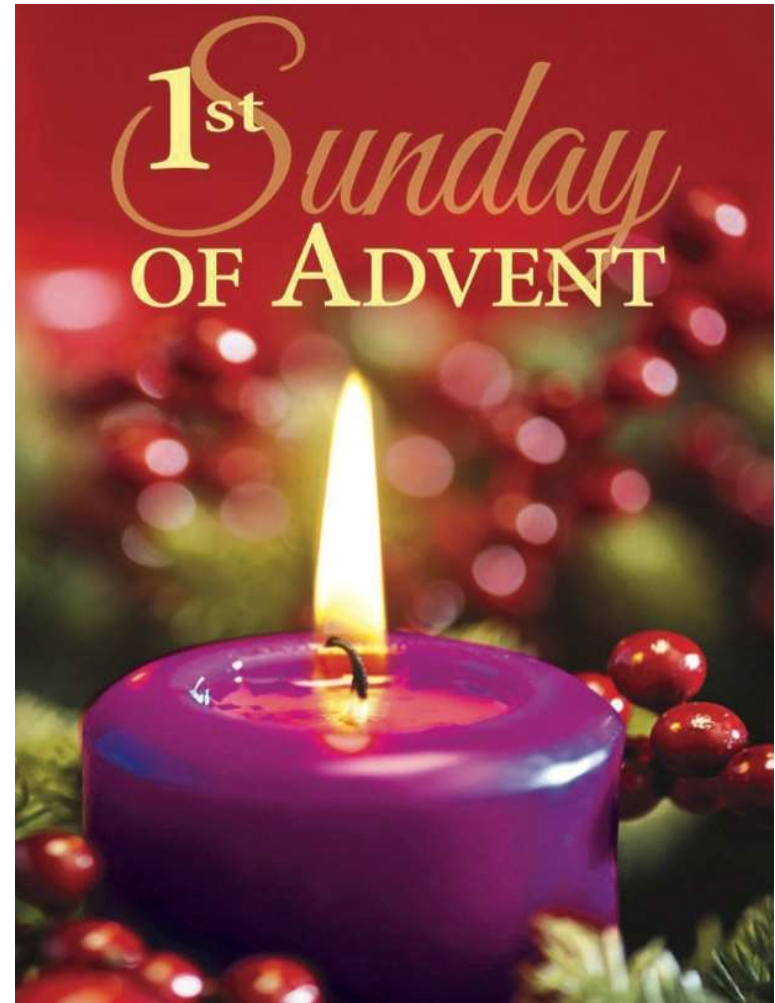
**The donations this past  
Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**Contributions \$ 5,001.11  
Sunday School \$ 316.47  
Organ \$ 160.00  
Memorials \$ 10.00**

**ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
Worship 111 Sunday School 67  
Organ Fund Received to Date: \$ 38,472.78  
**THE QUOTE FOR THE ORGAN REPAIR IS ONLY**  
**GOOD UNTIL FEBRUARY 2019.**

**BUDGETED INCOME/EXPENSES TO DATE**  
Contributions to Date: \$ 306,274.61  
Expenses to Date \$ 325,847.44

# *First United Methodist Church*



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**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**First Sunday Of Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**



Welcome To First United Methodist Church Of Columbia

**THE HANGING OF THE GREENS**  
**Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas**  
**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND READINGS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** (worship begins)

**INVOCATION**

**PRELUDE** Barbara Lott, organ  
 Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming, arr. by Brahms

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** The Chancel Choir  
 There's just Something About That Name  
 William J. Gaither

**OPENING PRAYER**

- ▲ **HYMN NO. 216** (all verses)  
 Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming  
 The Meaning Of Advent  
 The Christmas Tree and The Chrismon Tree  
 The Sanctuary Evergreens  
 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
 The Chancel Choir  
 Christmas Angels  
 The Christmas Poinsettia  
 The Nativity  
 Hymn No. 217 – Away In A Manger  
 The Chancel Choir and Congregation  
 The Bells Of Christmas  
 I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day  
 Barbara Lott, organ

The Paraments And Advent Colors  
 The Advent Candles  
 Lighting The First Advent Candle  
 Hymn #211 "O Come, O come, Emmanuel" Verse 1  
 The Chancel Choir and Congregation

**OFFERING** Beth Pierce, piano  
 People Look East

**OFFERTORY**

▲ **DOXOLOGY**  
 "What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Rev. Mike Sahler  
 Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 (New Revised Standard Version Pew Bible OT page 694)

**MESSAGE** Rev. Mike Sahler  
 "Anticipating Christmas"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

▲ **HYMN NO. 240** (all verses)  
 Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

▲ **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES**

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE**  
 Hark, The Herald Angels Sing  
 Barbara Lott, organ with Beth Pierce, piano

▲ **Stand as able**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and are placed by the Worship Committee.