

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given  
by Sandie Salvaggio-Walker  
to the Glory of God  
and in memory of her mother,  
Miriam Plexico  
and the older sister she never had,  
Nan Coleman.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express  
permissions granted by One License A-734965.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

- Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne — *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Erin Yow — *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. Steve Coss — *Associate Pastor*
- Michael S. Brannon — *Director of Music*
- Susan Slingluff — *Acolyte*
- Gaye Currier — *Cross Bearer*
- Chancel Choir — *Musicians*
- Susan Harvey — *Reader*
- Phyllis Owens — *Altar Guild Volunteer*
- Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson — *Sound Technicians*

GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of  
First United Methodist Church, place a gift  
in the offering plate, give online through the  
QR code below, send a check to the church, or  
give through regular bank drafts.  
Thank you for your generosity.



DECEMBER 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$107,500.00  
Funds Received - \$136,781.02

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$1,290,000.00  
Funds Received - \$1,176,531.64



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A warm welcome to  
all guests and  
newcomers. Please  
fill out the  
attendance register  
on your pew.  
All persons are  
welcome at First  
United Methodist  
Church, as  
Jesus Christ has  
welcomed us into  
the love and grace  
of God. Our mission  
is to change lives  
and make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming  
of the Trinity,  
please silence your  
mobile devices  
and prepare  
your hearts  
and minds  
for worship.

✦ Please rise in body  
or in spirit

FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
JANUARY 11, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary    Bist Du Bei    J. S. Bach

✦ Hymn 252    When Jesus Came to Jordan    COMPLAINER  
When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our upmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

✦ Affirmation of Faith  
A Modern Affirmation    United Methodist Hymnal #885  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:  
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over  
all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing  
grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in  
perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the  
example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the  
earth. Amen

✦ Responsorial Hymn 71    GREATOREX  
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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD				Pastoral Prayer			
†Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:13-17; John 10:9-10			The Lord's Prayer			
	The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.			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			
Sermon	The Flourishing Life	Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne		SENDING FORTH			
RESPONSE TO THE WORD				†Hymn 138			
Remembrance of Our Baptism and Covenant Prayer    United Methodist Hymnal #607				The King of Love My Shepherd Is		ST. COLUMBA	
I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.				The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.			
Invitation to Offering				Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.			
Anthem	Forever Blest Is He			Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.			
	Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. The loving God of all mankind. Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. Joy shall be his reward; Living to serve the Lord; Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.			In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.			
Royal Stanton				Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!			
†Dismissal with Blessing				And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.			
Closing Voluntary				Festive March		Rex Koury	
†Responsorial Hymn 94				Doxology		LASST UNS ERFREUEN	
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!							

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.