

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

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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

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.

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
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.

COMPLAINER

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

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.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

†Gospel Lesson

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 3:13-17; John 10:9-10

Sermon

The Flourishing Life

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

Pastoral Prayer

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Remembrance of Our Baptism and Covenant Prayer United Methodist Hymnal #607

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.

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Forever Blest Is He

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.

Royal Stanton

†Hymn 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

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.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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.

†Responsorial Hymn 94

Doxology

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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!

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Festive March

Rex Koury