

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Jan and Pete Richards to the Glory of God and in honor of their son, Justin, whose birthday is today.

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*

Dennis Sanders — *Acolyte*

Nick Bayne — *Cross Bearer*

Chancel Choir — *Musicians*

Dennis Sanders — *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 18, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary How Beautiful

Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord our God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us.

We will tell the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, O Lord. May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

from Psalm 40

†Hymn 433 All Who Love and Serve Your City

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

CHARLESTOWN

In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, "Work ye yet while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near to all who spurn him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our Judge, our Glory, be its name, "The Lord is there!"



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### †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.

John 10:9-10; I Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon

Flourishing Together

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Our Father

Andrew Smith

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### †Responsorial Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Doxology

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Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 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

## SENDING FORTH

### †Hymn 519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### †Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary      Trumpet Tune

Richard E. Frey

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.