



December 30, 2018  
8:30 am & 11:00 am

Greeting Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Prelude "Jubilate Deo" - Handel  
Judith Pearson, Organist

This is the day the Lord has made. (8:30 am) Linda Wilson  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** (11:00 am) Matthew Utley

\*Call to Celebrate  
Come and worship.  
**Like the Magi of old, we come to lift our voices and praise the savior of the world.**  
Come and worship.  
**Like ancient Israel, we will proclaim the kindness of God and remember all that God has done for us.**  
Come and worship.  
**Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

\*Song "There's a Song in the Air" #249

\*Opening Prayer (Unison)  
**O God of all creation, with wonder and joy we come before you. We come from the aftermath of Christmas celebrations, contented, though weary, relaxed and thankful. Please do not allow the glory of Bethlehem to slowly fade from our focus, the star to lose its luster or the spirit to become dull and jaded. Rather, may Bethlehem's glory inspire our worship, the star's brilliance enlighten our living and the spirit of Christmas live quietly in our hearts all year long. In the name of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem. Amen.**

Congregational Hymn Sing

Children's Message Judy Stout

Scripture Reading Psalm 148, NIV  
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Response: Amen.**

Message Embracing the Future Rev. Steve Goodier & Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Song "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240

Morning Prayer Rev. Jeremiah Harris

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.**

Prayer Response "Alleluia" #186 (vs. 1)

Peeking Through *The Window*

Offering

Offertory "Blow Ye Winds, Softly" - Kennerly

\* Thanksgiving and Praise (Tune: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**  
**"Peace on the earth, good will to all," in joy let people sing.  
To God whose blessings we receive, our gifts of thanks we bring.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)  
**O Lord, whose glory is above earth and heaven, we give you thanks for all things. We thank you for all the world: for the sun and moon, the shining stars at night, the animals who share this planet with us, and all people everywhere. We are thankful, too, that we can share our resources with others. As we do so, may our gratitude so increase that we may come to know deep contentment and peace. Amen.**

\*Song "I've Got Peace Like a River" #2145

\*Postlude "How Great Our Joy" - arr. Koury

\*People standing, as able. **Bold** type, response of the people

Music provided by



"Everlasting God"

"Jesus, Lead On"

Welcome

"In the Secret"

God's Holy Word Psalm 148, NIV Suzanne Proctor

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Peeking through *The Window*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Prayers of the People

"I Love You, Lord"

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*We hope you enjoy this morning's music. You may stand up and sing along. Or you may sit down and nod along. You may sing. You may hum. You may listen. No expectations!  
Please worship however you best connect with God.*

**Prayers:** For Royal Ryser and family on the death of Regina Ryser Monday morning. The family of Sam Henline, who passed away suddenly after an accident.

For more prayer concerns, visit our website:

[www.fumcleveland.com](http://www.fumcleveland.com)

or

Complete the prayer request card located in the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew. You may place the card in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

**Missionaries:** Dr. Steve & Rev. Alene Burgert, Emmanuel & Florence Mefor, Donna Pewo.

**Attendance:** 12/23/18 - 336

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Paul Bodenberger in loving memory of wife, Judy on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in loving memory of sons, Jeff and Max.

**Hearing Devices:** Hearing devices are available during the worship service. Please ask an usher to assist you if you would like to use one.

**Large Print Bulletins & Hymnals** are available from an usher.

**Weekly Scripture Reading for the week of 12/30 - 1/ 6**

December 30 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

December 31 - Psalm 8

January 1 - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

January 2 - Isaiah 60:1-3

January 3 - Isaiah 43:1-2

January 4 - Isaiah 42:1-9

January 5 - Jeremiah 31:10-14

January 6 - Matthew 2:1-12

## Welcome to Worship!

**Learning about FUMC:** If you are new to this community and are interested in learning more about what we offer, speak to Rev. Jeremiah or any member of the staff. Keep an eye out for our bi-monthly *Next Steps Lunch* – it is a time to learn more about the church from the church staff. An informal lunch will be provided.

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Parents -

**Children are always welcome in worship!** However if you feel more comfortable taking your child out of the sanctuary, there is a well-staffed nursery available as well as a “cry room” located above the sanctuary. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

**Child Care:** The nursery is located by the church office and is available for children ages infant – 5 years. Child care is always available during all worship services. In addition, if there is a meeting or program during the week you would like to attend, you may always request child care by contacting the church office or Ann Kessler 24 hours ahead of time.

**Children’s Worship Bags:** Pick up your bag from the rack at the back of the sanctuary and return it to an usher or place in the “Used Bags” bin near the rack after the service so they can be re-stuffed with fun for the next week.

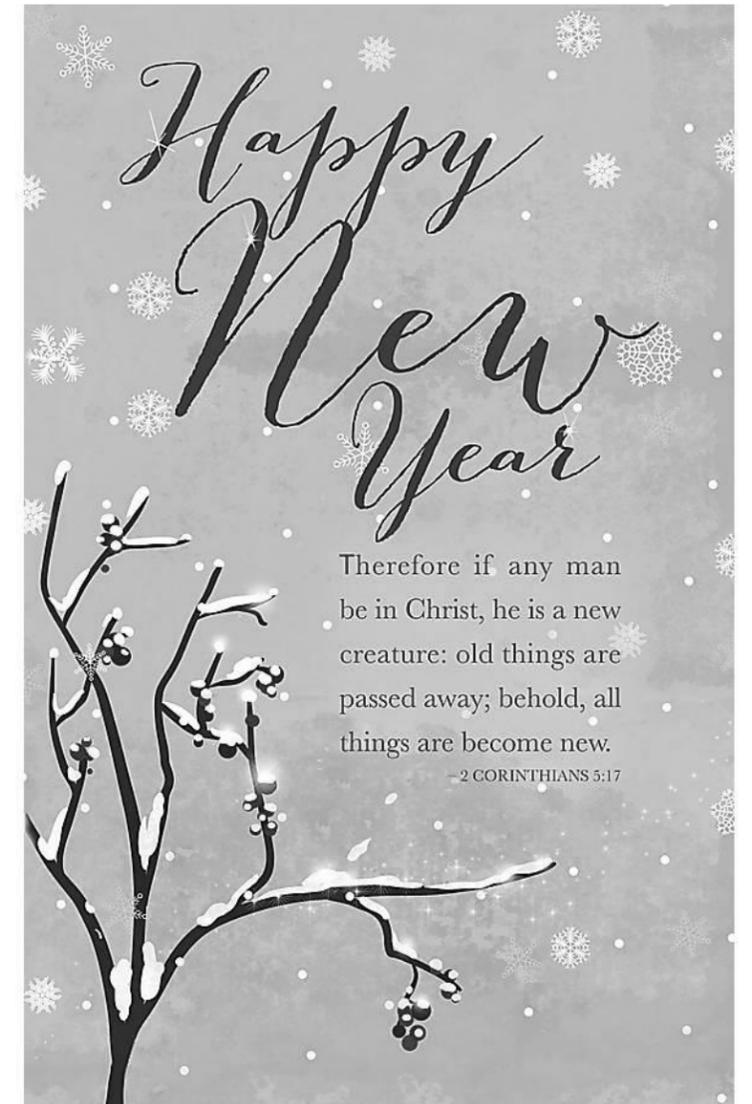
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**Fellowship Hour:** Coffee, pastries, breads and fruit are available in Coy Hall from 9:30 - 10:45 am. We invite you to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

**Shawls at the end of the pews:** Shawls may be used by anyone if you are feeling chilly. Please enjoy the warmth of these shawls that were made with love by women in the congregation.

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*We welcome everyone seeking a spiritual home. We are an inclusive and safe community that values unconditional love. We embrace diversity and strive to live in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ.*



*First United Methodist Church  
Spiritual home, inclusive community, unconditional love.  
Welcome!*

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