

**WELCOME!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



We welcome each of you to our worship services today.
PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS
Children's and Youth Classes
Blackburn Education Building

Nurseries:

Infants and Toddlers: Rm. 102 - Sadie McDuffie, Jillian Gregory, Stella Borders

Preschool: Rm. 104 - Vickie Franks, Alicia Gregory, & Volunteers

Sunday School:

Preschool Sunday School Rm. 104 - Joy Eisner, Kristen Spainhour, Stephanie & John Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

K - 1st Grade: Rm. 205 - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

2nd & 3rd Grades: Rm. 206 - Emily Bearman, Anne & Gary Benton, Leigh Ann Bryant, Ginger & Mark Godwin

4th & 5th Grades: Rm. 201 - Alicia Gregory, Allison & Joe Robl, Suzette Gibson, Krystal Baker

Middle School: Rm. 204 - Mandy & Wes Berry, Henrienne Allegood, Alysun Skinner

High School: Rm. 205 - Kris Skinner, Alysun Skinner, Susan Barnes

Adult Classes

Bradshaw Class (Older Adults): Blackburn Bldg., Rm. 108 - Susan Barnes, Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, Bill Presnell

Hardison Discussion Class: Sanctuary Bldg., 2nd Floor - Woody Harrison, Dave Williams

Open Door Discussion Class: Blackburn Bldg., Rm. 203 - Emily Aycock, Suzette Gibson, Shelley Gibson

Pathfinders Bible Study Class: Sanctuary Bldg., Chapel - Michelle Newton

Transforming Lives Class: Blackburn Bldg., First Floor, Parlor - Lorrie Halverson

Watson Class: Sanctuary Bldg., 2nd Floor - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, Snookie Parker, Lindy Newton

Woman to Woman Class: Sanctuary Bldg., First Floor, Conference Room - Cathy Helmer



First United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Robert E. Bergland, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Charles J. Robl III, Associate Pastor
Dr. William M. Presnell, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Joel Gay, Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Alysun Skinner, Director of Youth Ministries
Mrs. Vickie Franks, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Krystal Baker, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
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December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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Sing Christmas - A Christmas Choral Event

Suite I. Sing Joy Sing Joy Overture

Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; and heav'n and nature sing, sing joy to the world! The Lord is come! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy!

Joy of Longing Hearts

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart. Come thou Savior of the world; come to us, we pray, Cast our sin and enter in; come today. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne! Come, Jesus, Lord Jesus come, Jesus, Lord Jesus, Lord, we pray.

Suite II. Sing Noel Sing Noel !

Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel. Sing noel, sing noel, sing! Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel, sing noel, sing noel. Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel. O come, little children, O come, one and all, to Bethlehem haste to the manger so small, God's son for a gift has been sent you this night to be your redeemer, your joy and delight. He's born in a stable for you and for me. Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see. Sing glory to God in the heavens above, and thank him for Jesus, the gift of his love. Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel. Sing noel, sing noel, sing! Sing noel, sing noel, noel, sing noel. Sing noel, sing noel sing noel. The first noel, the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, sing we all noel, sing noel, sing we all noel. Sing noel, sing we all noel, sing noel, sing we all noel. Sing noel. Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel. Sing we all noel. Sing we all noel. Sing we all noel. Sing we all noel. Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel, Sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel, Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel, noel, noel, Sing we all noel, sing we all noel, sing we all noel, sing we all noel. Sing we all noel, sing we all noel, sing we all noel. Sing we now of Christmas, noel, sing we here! Sing we all noel. Sing we all noel. Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we all noel, Sing we all noel. Sing we noel, the King is born, noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Sing we all noel! Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, leave your flocks at rest, leave your flocks at rest, leave your flocks at rest. Journey forth to Bethlehem and find the lambkin blest." Sing we noel, the King is born noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we, sing we, sing we, sing we all noel. Sing we all noel!

Tell out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his Word; in God my savior shall my heart rejoice. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one. Tell out my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord. To children's children and forevermore. To children's children and forevermore!

Suite III. Sing Emmanuel! Sing Emmanuel! Christ Is Born

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever

We are looking for a few fun folks to help coordinate our meaningful **Wednesday night dinners**. If you enjoy this time of fellowship and feel a nudge to get involved, please contact Vickie Franks or Alysun Skinner to learn more.

December's focus in the Sunday School Bible Bucks Store is all about giving rather than receiving. We are encouraging our children to use their Bible Bucks for gifts for their family and friends. Children will be shopping in the Bible Bucks Store on December 16th, and 23rd. Thank you

All children are invited to attend the **Birthday Party for Jesus** in the Art Room next Sunday, December 23rd, during the Sunday school hour.

Libby Baskervill, Cathy Helmer and their teams of many volunteers worked diligently to prepare FUMC for the anticipation of the celebration of the Christ-child's birth. The beautiful wreaths, garlands, poinsettias, and Chrismon tree with its newly made Chrismons by members of our church, truly have prepared the way for the Lord.

Many thanks to the collaborative effort of the FUMC Weekday Preschool, The FUMC United Methodist Women, the Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper Team, and the Children's Council in making the FUMC Annual Christmas Celebration such a fun evening. The dedication of the Peace Lights Tree and Christmas Caroling, the Book Sale and visit with Santa, the delicious meal and entertainment for the adults, and the fun activities for the children all set the tone for the Advent season as we await the celebration of our Lord and Savior.

Our **VIM team still has pecans**. They may be ordered from any VIM member or by calling Doris or Bob Craft at (237-6908). Proceeds will be used to fund local and global mission work.

MUSIC NOTES



We thank our Chancel Choir, choir guests, orchestra, sound engineer, soloists, children, and parent volunteers for making this year's Christmas music service such a worshipful and special event. We also extend special thanks to accompanists Janet Bennett and Cindy Darden, Dee Pellegrino and the strings, and to Kaitlyn Reda, for the beautiful offertory this morning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00 White Gift Service - Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:30 Youth Leader Meeting - Asbury Hall
6:30 SPRC - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:15 Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

10:00 Preschool Gingerbread Houses - Asbury Hall
10:30 Upper Room Intercessors - Pastor Charles' Office
6:30 Praise Band - Asbury Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Looking Ahead...

December 23 - 10:00 a.m. - Birthday Party for Jesus - Art Room

December 24 - December 26 - Church Office Closed

December 24 - 5:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

December 24 - 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service - Sanctuary

December 25 - 11:00 a.m. - Christmas lunch for our neighborhood friends at 1st Christian followed by Christmas Gifting at FUMC

January 1 - Church Office Closed

January 5 - La Estrella - Children's Council

January 8 - 4:15 p.m. - Meeting to discuss Summer Missions project in Washington, DC - Asbury Hall

From Pastor Bob:

Dr. George Robinson was 8 years old when he went to live at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem. It was shortly after World War II. On Saturday afternoons when the chores were all completed, the younger boys would go out and play in the pasture and creek off Reynolda Road. On occasion the high school boys would take the younger boys to the Wachovia Arbor Moravian Church Cemetery, where there was a grave with the name Polly Wray on the headstone.

The older boys would tell the younger boys, "Run around Polly Wray's grave three times and ask, 'Polly Wray, what cha' doing down there?' She'll say, nothing." That joke was played very often.

Polly Wray was only two years old when she came to live at the Children's home in Winston-Salem. It was 1922 and the world was a much different place than it is today. She would live at the Children's Home for the rest of her life, but along the way she would experience what it was to be cared for, to be a part of family, and most importantly what it was to be loved.

The Reverend Robert Bradshaw was a young man when he went there as Assistant Superintendent. He knew Polly Wray. He told the story of Christmas 1929, when a house mother took Polly Wray and the other nine-year old girls to town to do their Christmas shopping. Polly Wray had 20 cents to spend.

With one nickel she bought a present for her housmother; with another she bought a present for a distant aunt living in another town; and with a third she bought a present for the girl whose name she had drawn in school. She had only one nickel left. Her house mother told her to buy something for herself. "No," said Polly. "I want to buy Mr. Bradshaw a gift." And, with her last nickel, she bought a little wooden horse for Mr. Bradshaw.

Christmas 1929 came and went, and 1930 was ushered in. On August 22, 1930, Polly Wray died from blood poisoning. Over 300 girls and boys marched through the pasture where George Robinson would later play to bury little Polly Wray in the Wachovia Arbor Moravian Cemetery.

Uncle Bobby (as we would come to know him) said, "That little wooden horse is always on my desk to remind me of a little girl who gave all she had."

Tonight we will celebrate White Gift, inspired by the selfless act of a 9 year old girl named Polly Wray.

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

The rosebud in the chancel at the 11:00 worship service is in honor of the birth of **Joseph Eugene Chesson** on November 30, 2018, in Wilson, NC. Joe's proud parents are Paige and Matthew Chesson and his great-grandparents are Pat and Jeff Chesson

New Membership - If you are interested in exploring membership at First United Methodist Church, please contact Reverend Charles Robl at 252-230-1143 or by emailing crobl@nccumc.org.

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE : DECEMBER 9th, 2018

Worship and Sunday School cancelled due to inclement weather

Tuesday Communion - 10

Total Worship - 10

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received December 9th	\$	No service
YTD Requirement	\$	1,028,314
Received YTD	\$	1,009,242
Over (Under)	\$	Unavailable

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

The beautiful Christmas Tree skirt under the tree in Asbury Hall was given by **Carol Tarpennig**.

Our Summer Mission Trip will be through City Service Mission to Washington, DC, to serve the homeless, the elderly, and/or children and is open to rising high school and college-age students. We will need several adult chaperones, as well. If interested please attend an informational meeting in Asbury Hall at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 6th. Contact alysunskinner@fumcwilson.org for more information

and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and take us to heaven to live with thee there. When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter's night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, the grateful earth rejoiced; and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced, their exultation voiced. Ah! O come, let us adore him adore him, Christ the Lord! O come! O come, come, adore him, Christ the Lord! Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Emmanuel! God with Us!

Unto us a Son is giv'n, the gift of God to us from heav'n; born a child and yet a King, a Savior to redeem. Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us Emmanuel. Prince of Peace Emmanuel, the Son of God with us to dwell; Light of life to all he brings; Alleluia, we sing! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us, Emmanuel! God will reign on earth forever and his kingdom shall never end. Alleluia to our Savior, till he comes again! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us, God with us, Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us, God with us, Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us! God with us! Emmanuel!

Suite IV Sing Gloria!

Sing Gloria Introduction

Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria. Sing gloria.

Sing Gloria!

Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing. Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing. In excelsis Deo, Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing. Sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing! Sing gloria in excelsis Deo. Sing gloria, sing gloria! Angels from the realm of glory, wing your flight through all the earth; you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, join the angels as they sing; worship Christ the newborn King. All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Sing praises to the newborn Son. Come and worship, come and worship, join the angels as they sing; worship Christ, the newborn King. Worship Christ, the newborn King. Worship Christ, the King. Sing gloria, Gloria!

Glory to the Newborn King

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king, her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King." Glory to the newborn King! Sing gloria! Sing gloria! Gloria!

Sing Christmas! (Reprise)

Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the World! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing. Sing joy to the world! The Lord is come! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing joy to the world! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King! Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing Christmas! Sing joy! Sing noel! Emmanuel! Gloria! Sing Christmas! Sing Christmas!



The Worship of God
Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord, all God's people!

Praise God's holy name!

Rejoice with joy and singing!

We join our voices in song and praise!

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO.196 **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** **UMH**

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **"The Apostles' Creed"** **UMH 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 238 **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** **UMH**
(Refrain only)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS - A short children's devotion for preschool and elementary children.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 1:39 - 45** **NT Page 57**

PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **"Mary Did You Know?"** arr. Dee Pellegrino
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+SUNG RESPONSE NO. 221 **"In the Bleak Midwinter"** **UMH**
(Stanza 4)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE IN SONG **Sing Christmas - A Christmas Choral Experience** Raney / McDonald

Sing Joy (Overture)
Joy of Longing Hearts
Sing Noel
Tell Out, My Soul
Sing Emmanuel! Christ Is Born
Emmanuel! God With Us!
Sing Gloria!
Glory to the Newborn King (Congregation joins in singing.)

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION **"Sing Christmas" (Reprise)**

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY **Musical Selection for the Organ**
+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Suzanne and Claude Reynolds by their children and grandchildren.

Participating with the clergy in this morning's service:
Acolytes: Victor Walston and Anna Kathryn Grissom
Crucifer: Parker Moody
Advent Wreath Lighters: Reggie, Jenny, Ridley, Loulie and Eloise Harrison

Volunteers:
Sound System: Gerald Edge

Greeters for December 16th:
Office Area: Ann Fitzgerald
Narthex: Elvia and Jimmie Lucas