

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Sarah Dotson, Travis Berry, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Craig,
Alan Blankenship, Becky Stevenson, Bill Bradley,
Eleanor Brouwer, Rob Crews, Marita Eden,
Peggy Heath, Bill Murphy, Dixie Roberts

Our Community

Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards
Willis Bethea, brother of Lisa Pettit
Shannon Threath, daughter of Roberta Whitaker
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Morin
Evelyn Faulkenberry, mother of Dixie Roberts
Butch Anderson, brother of Elaine Reese
Rosa Lee Martin, sister of Margaret Parker
Linda Hatterrick, mother-in-law of Jim Crews
Susan DeVenny, wife of Alston DeVenny

To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Davis by Joanna Davis.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Jeff Hagins, Will Jaillette, David Tolson, III,
Doug Geiger, Mark Logan, Larry Higgins,
Kevin Cauthen
Greeters: Caryl Rehrig, Rick Rehrig (9:00 a.m.)
Phyllis Bunkley, Reb Bunkley (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)
Acolyte: Samuel Page
Crucifer: Jennifer Page
Counters: Willis Ballard, Dick Hoover

Attendance and Stewardship 12/9

Worship: 9:00 —25; 11:00 —53
Sunday School—23
Offering received \$3,313.86 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Advent Devotional Booklets

Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Connector and Narthex. Please pick up one to enhance your Advent journey.

FUMC Christmas Party

Church-wide Christmas Party is today, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a program of music and the Children's Choir presentation of the FIRST CHRISTMAS story. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, to share.

Share The Warmth

We are still collecting coats, gloves, socks, and hats for area elementary schools. The need is great, so please help us keep the children of Lancaster warm. The collection bin is outside Shelly's office. We will be collecting through January 31st. Thank you in advance for your help. Amelia Davis

Looking ahead

Please mark your calendars with the following:
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 23.
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 24.
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 30.

This Week

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Church Wide
Christmas Party/Children's
Christmas Program

Monday, December 17

2:00 p.m. Morning Bells
6:00 p.m. Junior Scouts
6:00 p.m. Brownies
6:00 p.m. Advent Study

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Advent Study

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Preschool
Christmas Program
6:15 p.m. Jubilant
Ringers

Thursday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Disciple Fast
Track
6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast
Track



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

WORDS OF WELCOME

*Song: "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" TOMLIN AND CARSON

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Hope is Dawning" MAYER AND GUNGOR

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18
Message: "Filled With Expectation"

*Statement of Faith (in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" EMMANUEL

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

In the Bleak Midwinter

Jubilant Ringers

SHERMA

HELMAN

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Hallelujah! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 98

To God Be the Glory

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH and INTROIT

The Children's Sunday School Class

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Children's Ensemble

*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 126 (UMH 847)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"Filled With Expectation"

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 THE APOSTLES' CREED

*HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS 2145

I've Got Peace Like A River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HOPSON

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Into the World

SPECIAL MUSIC

Silent Night

Adult Ensemble

STILLE NACHT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

All Earth is Waiting

TAULE

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Flocks May Graze Secure

JS BACH

***Congregation stands (if able).
Congregational responses are printed in bold.**