Welcome, Concerns  8:30 Jennifer Hupko  
11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Please turn off or silence electronic devices before you enter for worship.

* Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prelude  “Love Came Down At Christmas”  arr. D.S. Ferguson

The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Therefore, let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative. Lift up a prayer for your church family, staff, ministers and the work of Christ in the world.

* The Chiming of the Hour (Congregation Stands)

* Opening Hymn  “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”  UMH Pg. 224

* Affirmation of Faith

* The Gloria Patri  UMH Pg. 70

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. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer  8:30 Rev. Thomas Brittain  
11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

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.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God’s Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory  “Hark the Herald Angels Sing!”  arr. David Cherwien

* The Doxology  “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Olde Hundredth)  UMH Pg. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children’s Sermon  8:30 Jennifer Hupko  
11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Children 3 years old to 2nd Grade are invited to Little Church. Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Building.

* Hymn of Preparation  “Love Came Down At Christmas”  UMH Pg. 242
* Sermon Text
Matthew 2:1-12 8:30 Rev. Thomas Brittain 11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Anthem
“Birthday of a King” arr. Wickline

Sermon
“The Power of Three Little Words” —By Another Road— Rev. Jan Brittain

* Hymn of Response
“Go Tell It On The Mountain” UMH Pg. 251

* Benediction

* Postlude
“Joy to the World” arr. Larry Shackley

(*) Indicates please stand as you are able.

Flowers
The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my wife Ann Ward on our anniversary, December 27th, by Toby Ward.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: January 19, 26. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or jennifer@fum cmb.org. The flowers live on past Sunday mornings through faithful volunteers as flowers are designed into small arrangements and delivered to homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

Attendance
Members and regular visitors, please let us know of your attendance this morning by signing the attendance book. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the visitor information attached to the Steeple and place in the offering plate, and don’t forget to stop by our visitor area in the narthex… we have a gift for you!

Sunday School
We offer Sunday school for children age 3 through adult each Sunday from 9:00-10:00 AM.

Children
First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 2nd grade following the Children’s Sermon Time. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

***Ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices and large print hymnals***

Steward Teams for December
8:30AM | Captain: Toby Ward; Co-Captain: Harry Branton
Anne Andrews, Ron Andrews, Ashley Booth, Garrett Brown, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Rick Harmon, Nita Letts

11:00AM | Captain: Ray Floyd, Co-Captain: Neal Bowers
Jackson Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Preston Bowers, Joe Castellano, Jim Creel Jr., Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, David Meese, Bill Rodwell, Rock Smith, Buddy Styers

Greeters for December
Front Entrance
8:30 | Sylvia Harmon & Mabel Waldorf
11:00 | Deborah & Ray Floyd

Broadway Entrance
8:30 | Wanda Bellamy
11:00 | Sandra Nystrom

Office Entrance
8:30 | Yotta Werthman
11:00 | Delores Moses

Assisting in Worship
Acolyte
8:30 | Davis Hussey

Little Church
8:30 | Cindy Johnson
11:00 | Michelle Sturzenbecker

Video
Jim Lewis

Audio
8:30 | Melinda Morgan
11:00 | Dylan Jollie