Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent **December 9, 2018**

Liturgical color is purple, symbolizing the season of watching and waiting for the Messiah to come.

"Who warned you to flee...?"

Welcome, Concerns

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

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prelude "First Noel" arr. Moklebust
Handbells

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 & the work of Christ in the world.

*** The Chiming of the Hour (Congregation stands)**

*** Opening Hymn** "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" UMH Pg. 206

*** Affirmation of Faith** UMH Pg. 881

*** 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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Webb Wilson Condron UMH Pg. 39
"God Claims You" TFWS Pg. 2249

Choral Call To Prayer

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Luke 3:4-6 Smith/Stewart Family

Stewardship Moment *(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)*

Sometimes we allow ourselves to think, "If I give enough of my money, my time, or myself, God will love me more." But this week, we are reminded that our role as God's stewards comes as a response to what God has already done, not as the cause of God's care. God rejoices over us in gladness (Zephaniah 3:17), so we respond by rejoicing with all our heart always (Philippians 4:4). We give thanks to God for what God has done not only for us as individuals, but as the whole people of God. Our lives are lived in grateful response to all that God has done, and will continue to do. This response is not optional; it is the result of our lives together in Christ Jesus.

Prayer: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Come with your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, makes us selfish and self-serving so that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Offertory "Meditation (on Basque Noël)" Desmonde Ratcliffe

*** 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.

*** Hymn of Preparation**	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"	UMH Pg. 626
*** Sermon Text**	Luke 3:7-18	
Anthem	"Mary, Did You Know"	arr. Schrader
Sermon	"You Family of Snakes!"	Rev. Dr. William H. Phillips
*** Hymn of Response**	"Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	UMH Pg. 213
*** Benediction**		
Benediction Response	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	UMH Pg. 204

Congregation is invited to join in singing

*** Postlude**	"People, Look East"	setting by Richard Lind

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(*) Indicates please stand as you are able.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ernestine on her ...th(Dec.10th) birthday and in celebration of our 63rd anniversary (Dec. 17th) by Randy Gravely.

The flowers in the office area and the ANEW service are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ginny Duncan and Jeremy Roof on December 8.

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 a.m.

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer "Little Church" to children ages 3 through kindergarten 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

Offering Steward Teams for December

Captain: Toby Ward and Co-Captain: Harry Branton | Captain: Ray Floyd and Co-Captain: Neal Bowers

Anne Andrews, Ron Andrews, Jackson Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Ron Bjorklund, Ashley Booth, Debbie Champion, Jerry Champion, Jim Creel, Jr., Greg Clemmons, Charlie Floyd, Ray Floyd, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Dabney Joyner, David Meese, Jim Moore (Jimbo), Leita Moore, Art Magill, Keith McMillan, Rock Smith, Buddy Styers,

Greeters for December

Front Entrance	Broadway Entrance	Office Entrance
Judy Ogden	Darlene Rebeck	Sandra Nystrom

Assisting in Worship

Acolyte	Bible Bearer	Crucifer
Allen Meese	Summer Stewart	Bella Campbell
Little Church	**Video**	**Audio**
Mary Madison Langway	Jan Davis & Jim Lewis	Dan Fleming