

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 2, 2022
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - - - "Voluntary on Personent Hodie" / Robert Lind - - Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP ----- -Pastor Atkinson

Leader: This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races,
lands and people, joined together in love.

People: Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.

Leader: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the
One who is its source and its living fire.

People: We affirm in Christ that we can be, and are, one world, one church
and one family, working together to manifest God's rule
in the lives of all people.

MORNING PRAYER ----- -Rev. Harry Jenkins

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies,
new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future,
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are a God of our faith,
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,
and we serve and bless you. Amen.,

HYMN #157 ----- “Jesus Shall Reign”

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.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY - -”Go Tell It on the Mountain” / arr. Howard Helvey
Brett Miller, tenor; Robert Skidmore, violin; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

EPISTLE LESSON ----- Ephesians 3:1-12

This is why I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles. You’ve heard, of course, about the responsibility to distribute God’s grace, which God gave to me for you, right? God showed me his secret plan^[a] in a revelation, as I mentioned briefly before (when you read this, you’ll understand my insight into the secret plan about Christ).

Earlier generations didn’t know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. This plan is that the Gentiles would be co-heirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through the exercise of his power.

God gave his grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the Gentiles. God sent me to reveal the secret plan that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. God's purpose is now to show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of his wisdom through the church. This was consistent with the plan he had from the beginning of time that he accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.

SERMON-----"Distributing God's Grace"
A Dialogue Between Pastor Atkinson and Pastor Jenkins
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

INVITATION

HYMN #561-----"Jesus, United By Thy Grace"

BENEDICTION-----"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

I am no long my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou are mine and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

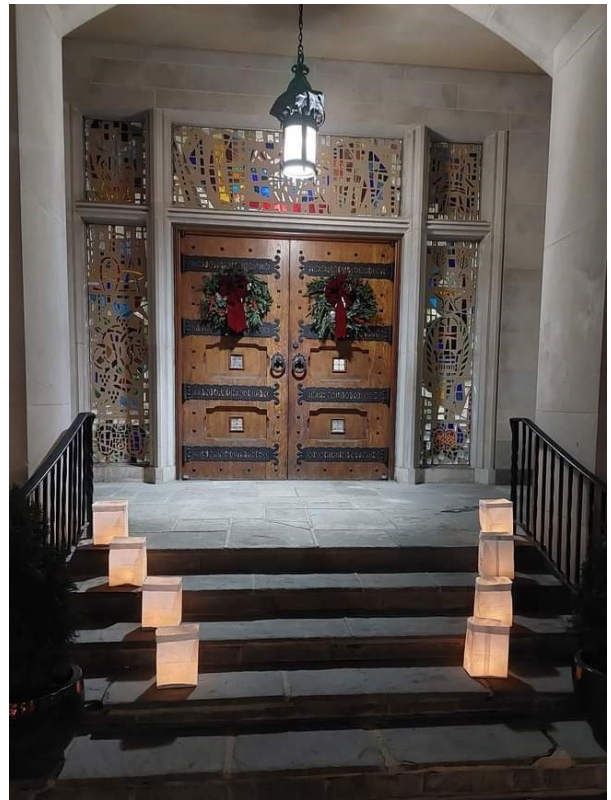
POSTLUDE-----"Variations on Stuttgart" / Robert Lind----- Dr. Scott

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Harry Jenkins know.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT FIRST CHURCH

We are continuing our ministry with the kids of First Church.

Candy Atkinson provides leadership on Sunday mornings during "Children's Church" the Mezzanine Classroom (2nd floor).

Don Gardner will guide the youth in activities in worship, service, and fellowship.

In all events, we follow "Safe Sanctuary" practices here at First Church, A 2nd adult is required to be in the room ... so your help is always welcome!

