

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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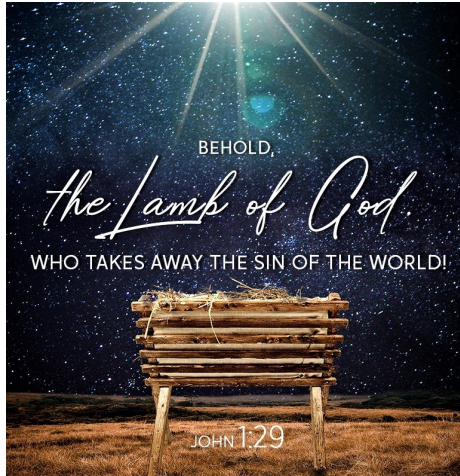
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 15, 2023

WORDS OF WELCOME - - Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - - "Prelude on 'Windsor'" / Healey Willan  
Dr. Jessica Scott

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us before we were even born.

Leader: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Leader: The light of God's love shines in us.

People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

\*HYMN # 2089 (The Faith We Sing) - - - - "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"  
(to the tune "Messiah")

## \*OPENING PRAYER

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives.

We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR - - - - - Pastor Atkinson

### 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.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM - - "Down to the River to Pray" / trad. US folk song *FUMC Family Choir*

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
O \*sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, \*sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.  
(\* v.2 brothers, v.3 fathers, v.4 mothers, v.5 sinners)

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - John 1:29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Christ" And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Peter"

SERMON - - - - - "Pointing the Way" - - - - - Pastor Atkinson  
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

\*HYMN #2113 (The Faith We Sing) - - - - - "Lamb of God"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - - - - - "Toccata" / Johann Pachelbel - - - - - Dr. Scott

### Interested in a New Study?

Led by member Patrick Lonergan,  
this Zoom study would include a weekly viewing and  
a discussion following.  
There would likely be 10 to 12 sessions.

The class has yet to convene, so if you are interested,  
Please email Patrick by Wednesday, January 18th

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST CHURCH**

Monday, January 16th -- Feed my Sheep (outreach meal) at 12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 17th -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17th -- Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17th -- Outreach Committee at 5:00 p.m.

*(Anyone wishing to attend the Outreach meeting is welcome! Contact Anita Burns at 304-203-1279 for more details)*

Tuesday, January 17th -- Church Council at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Family Choir Rehearsal Schedule**

January 15th - 10:45 a.m. sing in worship

February 12th - 9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor

February 19th - 9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor; 10:45 a.m. sing in worship

#### **Bell Choir Rehearsal Schedule**

January 22nd - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room

January 29th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room

February 5th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship

February 26th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room

March 5th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship



**All are welcome to join! Contact Brett Miller for more details.**

**Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library  
Winter Shelter -- nightly from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HALL WORSHIP**

**January 29 at 10:45 a.m.**

***Join us in the Dining Room (level B) for morning worship on the 29th!***

**Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015  
if you would like information about our Prayer Chain.**

