

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 24, 2024

Morning Worship

10:45 a.m.



WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Deacon Anna Troy

ORGAN PRELUDE-----Dr. Jessica Scott

Excerpts from A Partita on *Kremser* by Emily Maxson Porter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

People: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Leader: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

People: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Leader: Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

People: We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Leader: Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

***OPENING PRAYER**

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.

***HYMN #131** ----- "We Gather Together"

***PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE**

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM ----- "A Jubilant Song" ----- Chancel Choir

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

We bring before You these shawls, created with love and bathed in prayer. By Your grace make them to be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being. May those who receive these gifts be cradled in hope, kept in joy, infused with peace, be wrapped in and feel Your love. Bless, O Lord these gifts which carry the prayers of this community of faith. May those who will be wrapped in them and those who hold the gift in the palms of their hands come to know that You are always near, always ready to share their burdens, and always ready to comfort and heal. Through Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON----- John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it

is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE ----- "Whom Do We Worship?" ----- Deacon Anna Troy
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes)

STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH—(U.M.H. #884)

ORGAN OFFERTORY -----Dr. Scott
Excerpts from A Partita on *Kremser* by Emily Maxson Porter

*DOXOLOGY----- U.M.H #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts;
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN #715 ----- "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott
"Nun Danket Alle Gott" by S Karg-Elert

Today's Worship Participants

Liturgist: Amy Gardner
Ushers: Teresa Gouer, Jeff Spellman, Jacki Welsh, Jaden Welsh
Altar: Carolyn Yost Livestream: Mike Smith
Acolyte: Carson Wray

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church, or would like a visit, **Please feel free to call or send a text to Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

- **Tuesday, Nov. 26**— Bell Rehearsal, 10 a.m.
—Monastic Meal, 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 27** — Church Office Closed
—Resilience Collaborative, Healing Circle and Showers, 12-2 p.m.
(This will take place on Wednesday instead of Friday as regularly scheduled)
- **Thursday, Nov 28** — Thanksgiving, Office Closed

Sunday, December 1st
White Gift Sunday

Angel Tree Shopping

First Church has spoken for 10 children this season.
If you would like to shop for a child, please see Nancy Ferber.
The child's wish list items are due back to the church on December 15th.

When dropping off items please arrange a time with the church office or contact Nancy.



Beth Bryant-Barranco
John & Charlene Cathell
Frank & Leanna Murphy Dono
Kyle Harris
Harry & Joretta Lewis
Landen Jaggie

Chris Broadwater
Danielle Riley
Eric Phillips
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