

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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



**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**"CHRIST THE KING"**

**November 20, 2022**

**10:45 a.m.**

**WORDS OF WELCOME** ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

**ORGAN PRELUDE** ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: Great is the Lord!

People: God has redeemed God's people!

Leader: Let the heavens shout with joy!

People: Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!

Leader: Shout and sing praise to God!

People: For God has healed and restored God's people.

Leader: Hallelujah!

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**\*HYMN #203** ----- "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

OFFERTORY - - - - "With You, O Lord" / Berthier - - - - FUMC Family Choir

## 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.

## EPISTLE LESSON - - - - - Colossians 1:11-20

May you be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

SERMON-----"First"-----Pastor Atkinson  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

\*HYMN #715-----"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE-----Dr. Scott

Parish-Wide Thanksgiving Service

This Evening at 7:00 p.m.

First UMC is hosting  
our parish Thanksgiving Service.  
Join us as we celebrate  
the countless blessings of God  
through praise and worship!





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### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Next Sunday, Nov. 27, marks the beginning of the 2022 Advent Season, This is, for us Christians, a “New Year’s Day”, an opportunity to once again observe a time of introspection and preparation for the birth of Christ.

We will celebrate with communion, and with song, word, and prayer



“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”



### HOLIDAY “FOOD BASKET” GIVING TREE

We are collecting food for at least 9 baskets to be handed out prior to Thanksgiving (and again at Christmas).

Take leaves from the tree and return the items at this evening’s service

Questions? Contact Nancy Ferber at 304-476-0566.

If you have containers that could be used for left-overs, please bring them to the kitchen. Thanks!



Did you know...

First Church has a prayer chain and we'd love to pray for you.

If you find yourself or a loved one in need of urgent prayer, you can contact Tammy Matheny. She will then alert our prayer chain of about six people who will pray for your needs.

You can share as little or as much information as you prefer.

All requests are kept confidential.

And if you'd like to become a praying partner in our chain, you can also contact Tammy. 304-476-2015