

December 31, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.  
First Sunday after Christmas



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## You Are Welcome Here

Some of us are lifelong Methodists, others from different traditions and some from no religious background at all. We believe each of us is growing into the person God created us to be. We value the examples of those who have gone before us (tradition and scripture), the use of our minds (reason) and hearts (experience) as we seek to understand God's intention for our lives. When faith is shared from a breadth of experiences and identities our community is richer.

Since 2011, First UMC has been a part of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a national group of United Methodists that intentionally welcomes all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, and education, socio-economic or marital status.

## Following Worship Today

Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and lemonade after worship at 11:00 a.m. We serve fair trade coffee which certifies that small coffee farmers receive a fair price.

**New to First United Methodist Church? We are glad you're here! Text "Welcome" to 626.624.4157**



### Nursery Care (Infant - 4 years old)

Nursery care is available in Wesley Hall every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### Child Check In (PreK - 6th Grade)

There will be no separate children's programming today, so kids do not need to be checked in.

### Children's Schedule (PreK - 6th Grade)

Today is a Family Sunday, a Sunday where the whole family stays together for worship. There will not be any Sunday School classes or Children's Music today. Our regular Children's Ministry program will resume on January 7.

### Activity Packets

We have activity packets available for children during worship today. You can pick them up outside at the Check In Table, or at back of the Sanctuary.

## Messy Church

1st Saturdays  
Beginning January 6  
4:30 – 6:30pm

Messy Church is an alternative, intergenerational, interactive community of faith for all kinds of people with all kinds of messiness in their lives. It's for people of all ages, and it's especially great for families with young children. At Messy Church, we keep everyone together in the same space. Parents and kids stay together. Adults without kids are welcome, too. Couples, singles, people with disabilities and learning differences, people of all ethnicities, gender identities and sexual orientations, everyone is welcome! We'll play together, create together, share stories and laugh together, and finally, we'll gather around big tables and eat together.



Messy Church is just once a month, on the first Saturday, beginning in January.

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

To enhance the worship experience, please be sure to switch the ringer on cell phones or pagers to “silent” or “vibrate.”  
Portions said by all are printed in **bold type**. “+” indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Nöel Joyeux

Gordon Young (1919-1998)  
Gregory Norton, organist

TOLLING OF THE BELL

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Cynthia Crass

O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .  
Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,  
**but because the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it,  
the God of the whole Earth.**

O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .  
Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,  
**But because even those who walk in darkness  
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star**

O come let us worship and bow down . . .  
Not because God gives us what we want,  
**But because God gives us what we need –  
the holy child Jesus, God’s Unspeakable Gift.**

+ OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 220 Words: James Montgomery, 1816. Tune: REGENT SQUARE by Henry Smart, 1867. Public Domain

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

**Holy God of Love,  
there is light in our lives  
because of the abundance of your steadfast love.  
A love so vast, so deep, so real,  
that you became one of us.  
May we live within the power of this love.  
And may we share its light with a world  
where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.**

+ WELCOME & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of God is here to stay. **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Jennifer Chapman

*As the Children gather, we sing verse one of the hymn*



A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the heav-ens looked down where He lay, the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a - sleep on the hay.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 217 Words: Anonymous Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER by James R. Murray, 1887. Public Domain

*Following time for young Christians, children will return to sit with their family as we sing this verse.*



Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 217 Words: Anonymous Tune: AWAY IN A MANGER by James R. Murray, 1887. Public Domain

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:10- 62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
**as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
**so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.**  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
**until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.**  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
**and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.**  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### + CAROL

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

UMH 240

1. Hark! The he - rald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born king.  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, — Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold him come, — off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, — risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —

with th'an - ge - lic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to — give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new-born king!"

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 240. Words: Charles Wesley, 1734. Tune: MENDELSSOHN, by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840. Public Domain.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-32

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

+ CAROL

What Child is This

UMH 219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y,

United Methodist Hymnal No. 219. Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871. Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 16th cent. English. Public Domain.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:33-40

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – *Everly Quiboloy Cenizal*

- Introduction
- Profession of faith
- Baptism
- Congregational Pledge

Do you as a congregation.... for Christian nurture and fellowship?  
**We will, by the grace of God.**

- Prayer
- Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY

*That Boy-Child of Mary*

*Winter Choir*

PRESENTATION HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.

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+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE

+ HYMN

*Go, Tell it On the Mountain*

UMH 251

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;  
go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold through - out the hea - vens there shown a ho - ly light. ———  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. ——— (REPEAT)  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. ———

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 251 Words: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 Tune: African-American spiritual.

+ BLESSING OF QUILT This morning we tie new prayers into Bonnie Shannon's prayer quilt as she prepares for back surgery on January 9. Bonnie is a long-time friend of Roger and Marilynne Wilander.

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*In dulci jubilo*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Leonard Sweet, <https://preachthestory.com/>; Prayer of the Day: Joanna Harader, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

## LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Clergy: Rev. Sandra K. Olewine,  
Rev. Gregory Norton &  
Rev. Jennifer Chapman  
Worship Leader: Cynthia Crass  
Musicians: Winter Choir &  
Gregory Norton, Organist

Greeters: Susan Bootjer, Diane Harris, JP Harris  
& Wanda Gae Stefansson  
Audio/Video: Jacob Carrera, Logan Houck, Josh Houck,  
Bryan In, Dave Lohr, Bill Stanton & Kris Youngstrom

# TODAY AT FUMC

## December 31, 2017

### MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Winter Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Sanctuary)

# THIS WEEK AT FUMC

## January 1-7, 2018

### Monday, January 1

- *Facilities Closed Today – Happy New Year!*
- Pancake Breakfast, 5:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, January 2

- Social Service Office Hours, 10:00 a.m. (Great Hall)
- Young Adults, 6:30 p.m. (Aldersgate Room)
- Home Group, 7:00 p.m. (Off-Site)

### Wednesday, January 3

- DCFS Teen Club, 5:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)

### Thursday, January 4

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

### Friday, January 5

- Islamic Center of So. Cal. Prayer Service, 12:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)

### Saturday, January 6

- Beverly Reid O'Connell Memorial Service, 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Messy Church, 4:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, January 7

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Coffee and Conversation, 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Agape Fellowship, 11:15 a.m. (Aldersgate Room)
- Youth Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Youth Lounge)
- Sunday Conversations, 11:15 a.m. (Room 205)
- Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Youth Dinner and Program, 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1.  
Regular activities will resume on Tuesday, January 2.*

# News at First

## GROW IN FAITH

- The **Thursday Lectionary Bible Study** held from 12 - 1 pm in the church lounge will take the month of January off as Rev. Olewine is on vacation. Classes will begin again on **Thursday, Feb. 1**.
- From February 14 - March 31, FUMC will be using Rowan Williams' **Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent** as the 6-week seasonal study book. Multiple classes will be offered to allow the most people to participate. In order to plan for the times and locations of classes, please sign-up in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office by January 31.
- **ONE: Youth Winter Retreat, Jan. 12 – 15** The youth will spend Martin Luther King Jr. weekend at Camp Sky Meadows. This year our retreat will include a day skiing/snowboarding at Big Bear in addition to time spent on the campgrounds in fellowship and spiritual formation, being challenged by the words and actions of MLK Jr.. See Jen Chapman for information.

## NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- **New Year Pancake Breakfast:** The annual New Year's Day pancake breakfast is here. Most volunteers will report around 4:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Food service begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends around 8:00 a.m. Clean-up will follow). Haven't signed up to help yet or have questions? Contact Kendall In at [klbwi@mac.com](mailto:klbwi@mac.com), or JP Harris at [jpthenvgr@gmail.com](mailto:jpthenvgr@gmail.com).
- **The Third@First Concerts** on January 20, 2018 at 4 pm in the sanctuary will feature The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles. As always, Third@First concerts are free to all. The Spirit Chorale celebrates over 20 years on a journey of preserving music of African-American composers; especially the Negro spiritual. Director and founder, Byron J. Smith, has the pleasure of working with some of the most sought-after voices in Los Angeles to make up this dynamic choral ensemble.
- **St. Olaf College Choir** The world-renowned St. Olaf College Choir from Northfield, MN, will be appearing in concert in the Sanctuary on February 9, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. Founded in 1912, the choir has been singing for capacity audiences in major venues across America and around the globe for over 100 years, sharing the finest sacred choral repertoire, inspiring people of all faiths, garnering immense critical acclaim and setting new standards for choral excellence. Plan to be present! Tickets are \$40/adults and \$10/students at [stolaf.edu/tickets](http://stolaf.edu/tickets) or 800-363-5487. Volunteers attend free - help host the choir by serving as an usher or assisting Curt Elrod in the kitchen. Contact Greg Norton to volunteer!
- We are proud to host the **Moxie Matters Tour** featuring Jen Hatmaker and Nichole Nordeman. This will be a lively conversation and heartfelt music on wrangling delight out of the mess of life. Tickets start at \$24 and can be purchased at [moxiematterstour.com](http://moxiematterstour.com) with code:MMHOST18.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

- On January 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary we will gather to celebrate the life of Judge Beverly Reid O'Connell.
- On January 13 at 11:00 a.m. we gather in the chapel to remember and celebrate the life of Bill Millsap, late husband of Rev. Connie Millsap

## PASTORS AWAY

- Revs. Olewine and Norton will be out of the country from the night of January 7 - January 25, 2018. If you are in need of pastoral care, Rev. Jennifer Chapman will be available. As well, Rev. David Farley and Rev. Dr. Kirsten Oh are on call to assist in a time of crisis. If you are in need of support, please contact the church office so that one of the pastors can respond.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*We lift up to God these prayers...*

newly added: C. Samuel Gladwin

for healing: Daniel Aksten, Les Atkinson, Vanessa Bales, Susan Beckett, Mary Jane Bell, Rochelle Bender, Binder Family, Betty Bainton, Brent Bowers, David Brooks, Jerry Campbell, Clara Chang, Mary Davis, Juliet DeGuzman, Ted Dineros, Joyce Dorn, Judy Doyel, John Edell, Penny Eiker, Cameron & Wendy Fernandez, Brandi Figari, Alisa Fishbach, Erich Frey, The Klock Family, C. Samuel Gladwin, Diego Gomez, Steve Gothold, Ann Hasagawa, Joyce Hayes, Karen Hayes, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Julie Hara, Sallie Higginbotham, Helen Jerdasiak, Soledad Joco, Danny Kosakowski, Marilyn Lemp, Ed Long, Meredith Lyon, Viola Mallory, Rev. George Mann, Pat Mann, Michael Martin, Trish Martin, Millsa Family, Rebecca Moore, Luther Nash, Dan O'Connell, Sharon Oliver, Dr. Margaret Paloma, Lucy Patrick, Carmen Patrino, Dawn & Nick Pergakes, Janet Ross, Selma Ruda, Anita Ruiz, Ethan Sandoval, Mary Sands, Solloman Sedacy, Wayne Schenck, Anna K. Schooler, Bishop Beverly Shamana, Bonnie Burka Shannon, Jean St. Pierre, Tim Sun, Jane Tognazzini, Howard Underwood, Jeff Vernon, Dwight Vogel, Geneva Walker, Lily Whitaker, Eric Wolf, Juliet Wolf, Sarah Wright

for our district: Valencia UMC, Malibu UMC

for the people affected by the fires in Southern California.

For the community: prayers for the poor, homeless, incarcerated, for those seeking employment, and for those suffering from mental illness and addiction, for young people who are “dreamers” and are fearful for their future

for refugees the world over who are the victims of war, terror and disaster. Help us respond in love.

for victims of human trafficking and those living with sexual assault and abuse.

for the just resolution of conflict for the people of Afghanistan, Congo, Darfur, Egypt, Georgia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Native Americans, North Korea, Pakistan, Southern Sudan, Syria, Tibet, Yemen, Zimbabwe, Israel & Palestine

*To ensure that those in need of prayers get them when they are needed most,  
names will be posted on the prayer list for one month after receiving a prayer request.  
Names can be added again by contacting the church office if prayers are still desired*

## CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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