

January 7, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord Sunday



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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 before choosing an adult or youth learning opportunity at 11:15 a.m. We serve fair trade coffee which certifies that small coffee farmers receive a fair price.

- **Sunday Conversation:** Rev. Sandy Olewine will guide our discussion about how we live out our baptismal covenant every day.



- **Youth Sunday School** (grade 7-12): Meets in room 207.

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

got
kids?



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)

Children in Pre-K through 6th grade who will participate in our Children's Program need to be signed in by a parent or guardian. If the worship service has not begun, please sign your child in at the Child Check-In Table at the west parking lot entrance. If the service has begun, you can sign your child in at any point in the children's schedule below.

Children's Schedule (PreK - 6th Grade)

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Children begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Time for Young Christians - Children are invited to come forward in the Sanctuary for a Children's Sermon
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School - Children's leaders walk the children to Sunday School in Room 201
- 11:00 a.m. Music & Snack - Children go from Sunday School to Music where they sing, play instruments, and get a snack.
- 12:00 p.m. Child Pick Up in Room 202

Need help? Have Questions?

Go the Children's Ministry Office on the south end of the building and a volunteer will be glad to help you!

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

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)
Aaron Shows, Organist

TOLLING OF THE BELL

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Rev. Sandra K. Olewine

Family in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
**Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.**

+ OPENING HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation



1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, Or - dered by the
2. Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled As the cap - tives
3. Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan Closed a - round the
4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, Quench the thirst and

Spir - it's breath, First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning
passed on through, Wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—
one fore - told, O - pened to re - veal the glo - ry
flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal,

From the bright - ness of night's death.
Chan - nel to a life made new.
Ev - er new and ev - er old.
Drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) inspired by Genesis 1:1-3

led by Betsy Franjola

**O God, as your Spirit swept over the waters of creation,
you are sweeping over us now, creating something new.**

Call us away from all distractions

to experience what you are doing now - in us, through us, and in the world.

Open us to a new awakening, where we look through the lens

of the goodness of your creation, experiencing all possibilities in you.

In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Christians.

As the children come forward and later as they depart for Sunday School, we sing together:



This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
Put our whole trust in his grace,
And promise to serve him as our Lord,
In union with the church which Christ has opened
To people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
As we put our trust
In God Almighty,
In Jesus Christ, God's Son,
And in the Holy Spirit:
One God now and forever.**

+ HYMN

At the Font We Start Our Journey

1. At the font we start our jour - ney, in the East - er faith bap - tized;
2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the East - er tale re - told

doubts and fears no long - er blind us, by the light of Christ sur - prised.
in - to wit - ness - es and proph - ets, by the power of Christ made bold.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.

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+ GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MEDITATION

Water-Drenched, Spirit-Filled

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.

Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow,

We redirect the winds of the Spirit,

or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream

that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF BAPTISMAL WATERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Gregory Norton

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY

The Waters of Life

-James Biery (b. 1956)
Chancel Choir

The voice of God call us above the water.

The glory of the Son shines on us.

The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

—Ancient Christian hymn

+ 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor continues to give thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor continues, concluding with:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

The Pastor continues, concluding with:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

Gluten-Free Communion wafers are available at the two front center stations

*In the United Methodist Church, all who love God and
are striving to love their neighbor are invited to share in this holy meal.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, so we can serve you in your seat.
We receive communion by intinction: accepting a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.*

Please follow the direction of the ushers, waiting for them to dismiss your row.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Aaron Shows, Organist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+ HYMN

At the Font

3. At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the East - er gift of bread;
4. At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the East - er vic - tory's won,
in our break - ing it to piec - es see the love of Christ out - spread.
to re - store a world di - vid - ed to the peace of Christ as one.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! East - er's work must still be done.

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+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Prayer of the Day: [Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org/](http://MindiWelton-Mitchell.rev-o-lution.org/), <https://re-worship.blogspot.ca/search/label/Epiphany%201%20B>;
Other parts of the service from www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/new-service-of-reaffirmation-of-the-baptismal-covenant

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Clergy: Rev. Sandra K. Olewine
& Rev. Gregory Norton

Worship Leader: Betsy Franjola

Musicians: Aaron Shows, Organist
Chancel Choir

Greeters: Willa Dalrymple, Diane Harris, JP Harris
& Susan Rogers

Communion Stewards: Thelma Calantas, Henry Dyson,
Tricia McRae, David Nieto, Jackson Rogers, Josiah Sun,
Sarah Wright & Gary Webster
Audio/Video: John Atkinson, Emilee Klimuck, Dave Lohr,
Mike Underwood, Nick Vogt & Kris Younstrom

TODAY AT FUMC

January 7, 2018

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

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

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

January 8-14, 2018

Monday, January 8

- M&M's Study Group, 10:30 a.m. (Library)
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Dulcet Singers Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 9

- Social Service Office Hours, 10:00 a.m. (Great Hall)
- Young Adults, 6:30 p.m. (Aldersgate Room)
- Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m. (Scout Room)

Wednesday, January 10

- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Foundation Disbursement Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)

Thursday, January 11

- Yarn Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

- Youth Winter Retreat (Off Site)
- United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Bill Millsap Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Sunday, January 14

- Youth Winter Retreat (Off Site)
- 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)
- Turn-A-Page Book Club, 11:15 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Sunday Conversations, 11:15 a.m. (Room 205)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)

NEW YEAR'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

Our New Year's Day Pancake Breakfast was a success as measured by our enthusiastic 65 volunteers who came out at 4:30 a.m. and our 600 guest from around the Southland, country and the world. Many thanks to all who cooked, served, directed guests, and cleaned up. Thank you also to church staff whose invaluable assistance made this possible. Special thanks to Jaebon Hwang for playing the organ, Melissa Brassard for playing the piano, J.P. Harris & Andreas Koese for food prep, and Woody Hain for looking over our shoulders. —Scott Carpenter and Kendall In, Pancake Breakfast co-chairs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are lots of open Sundays available in 2018 for altar flowers. Sign up to honor a special person or event! Contact the Church Office: 626-796-0157 or office@fumcpasadena.org

News at First

GROW IN FAITH

- **ONE: Youth Winter Retreat:** January 13 – 16 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. Contact Rev. Jennifer Chapman at jchapman@fumcpasadena.org for more information.
- **Faith Seeking Understanding**, a four-week sermon series on the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, begins on January 21. John Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by Tradition, vivified in personal Experience and confirmed by Reason. Each week in worship, and in the Sunday Conversation, we'll explore one of these lenses of this foundational approach to faith for Methodist disciples.
- **Lenten Study:** From February 14 - March 31, First UMC will be using Rowan Williams' *Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent* as the six-week seasonal study book. This book helps us to listen to the various ways in which Mark challenges us not simply to read but to expose ourselves to a new and transforming relationship Jesus. 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.
- **United Methodist Women** will meet Monday, January 22, 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the Lounge. Charlene Reichert will be our speaker.
- **Moxie Matters:** On Saturday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. We are proud to host Jen Hatmaker and Nichole Nordeman's Moxie Matters. Tickets start at \$24 and can be purchased at moxiematterstour.com with code:MMHOST18. We also need several volunteers to help make the event possible. Please contact Rev. Jennifer Chapman at jchapman@fumcpasadena.org for more information.
- **Soul What? Children's Camp:** February 17 - 18, children in grades 1- 6 (and younger children accompanied by a parent) are invited to join us at Camp Sky Meadows for a weekend in the mountains. In addition to playing, singing campfire songs and enjoying the mountain air, we will spend time exploring the practices of Lent and learning to answer John Wesley's question, "How is it with your soul?" The cost for camp is \$55 per child, \$45 for parents serving as counselors. Registration and payment are due by Sunday, February 11.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- **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.
- **Rise Against Hunger:** On Sunday, January 28, adults and youth will gather at 11:30 a.m. as we work to complete the Rise Against Hunger event from October. We will package the remaining 10,000 meals that we were unable to do then due to the weevils in the rice! Children will join us after they have finished with music rehearsals. With 100 people, we should be finished in about 1 hour. Plan now to participate as we complete our pledge to package over 27,000 meals to end hunger here and around the world. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning or by calling the church office at 626-796-0157.
- **Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles:** The Third@First Concerts continue this month with a visit from The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. 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.
- **The world-renowned St Olaf College Choir** from Northfield, MN, will be appearing in concert in the Sanctuary on February 9, 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. Plan to be present! Tickets are \$40/adults and \$10/students at 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 Maggie Audley in the church office to volunteer!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

- 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. For those wanting to contribute food for the reception, Pastor Connie has asked for finger-easy desserts (including gluten free) for 60-70 people. If you'd like to contribute, contact the office for the address of the reception.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

We lift up to God these prayers...

newly added: Elwood Beach, Lynette Black, John Duda, Steve & Sherry Dedecker

for healing: Daniel Aksten, Les Atkinson, Vanessa Bales, Elwood Beach, Susan Beckett, Mary Jane Bell, Rochelle Bender, Binder Family, Betty Bainton, Lynette Black, Brent Bowers, David Brooks, Jerry Campbell, Clara Chang, Mary Davis, Steve & Sherry Dedecker, Juliet DeGuzman, Ted Dineros, Joyce Dorn, Judy Doyel, John Duda, 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: West Hills: Canoga Park First UMC, Glendale: Grace Korean UMC

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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