

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM

**God Gathers Us Together**

**Preservice Music**

*Who Can Satisfy My Soul*

**Welcome**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Cry of My Heart  
I Will Celebrate*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God Speaks to Us**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song**

*Awesome in This Place*

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

**\*Children's Time**

*(Children are welcome to attend Children's Church. They will return at the end of the service.)*

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon**

Danny Peck

*Living The Dream*

**We Respond to God's Call**

**\*Closing Song**

*Jesus Your Name*

**God Sends Us Forth**

**\*Words of Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*(\*) Please stand, as you are able.*

WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\* Processional Hymn**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**\*Call to Worship**

Advent is a time to praise.

***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

During Advent, we remember God's past faithfulness.

***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

During Advent we remember God's present Goodness.

***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

During Advent we remember God's future promises.

***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

**\*Introit**

*We Wait in Hope*

Chancel Choir

**\* Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**\* Advent Response** *(Sung by congregation and choir)*

*We praise in hope for the morning light, for the love of Christ to illuminate the night. We praise with joy for the Savior's birth: we praise in hope for peace on earth. Peace on earth.*

**\*Advent Prayer (Unison):** *God in heaven, we look to you amidst a world filled with darkness. Help us to seek the light of your truth, as we remember your promises and offer our praise to you. Amen.*

**Let There Be Christmas**, a Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

***The Advent Rose***

***The Divine Expectation***

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

***Carols From A Quiet Manger***

***Arise! (Hodie Christus natus est)***

***Offertory: Bleak Midwinter's Gift***

***Let There Be Christmas***

***Benediction: A Joyful Gathering of Carols***

**Serving Us Today**

**VIDEO OPERATOR 8:30** – Tammy Campbell

**VIDEO OPERATOR 11:00** – Danny Peck

**AUDIO OPERATOR 11:00** – Dave Thomas

**GREETERS** – Gail Ward

**ACOLYTES** – Mary Ellen Foreman and Margaret Brothers

**ALTAR GUILD** – Carole Roebuck, Tammy Campbell and

Suzanne Nelson

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – John & Linda Jones

**Orchestra**

Nancy Jones, violin, concert master

Bobbi Hunsberger, violin

Jordan Bowes, viola

Hillary Hunsberger, cello,

Kurt Hunsberger, bass

Trey Clifton, piano

Samantha Xiques, clarinet

Bradley Heidler, trumpet

Sara Peck, handbells

Ellard Forrester, percussion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or someone you know can't be here in person, we broadcast our 11:00 service on **WGAI Radio**, AM 560.

**SURGERY ALERTS!** On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Diane had a hip replacement and will be out of the office until mid-January. On December 27<sup>th</sup>, Joe is having double knee replacements and will be out of the office for several weeks. If you need something in the e-news or bulletin, please contact Danny Peck at [dannypeck@ecfumc.org](mailto:dannypeck@ecfumc.org)

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** We are currently putting together the story of Christmas for the children to portray on Christmas Eve. Please, let Suzanne Nelson know if your children would be available to participate. Call Suzanne with any questions or concerns at 207-6168.

**NEW 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready to be picked up in the Community Cafe. If you do not see your name, please call the church office at 335-1771 and leave a message on the answering machine so a packet may be made for you.

### **ROOM IN THE INN**

First United Methodist Church will partner with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to host the first week of Room in the Inn in 2017. This year we will be hosting individuals and families who need shelter. Although we didn't have guests last year, we want to continue our efforts to reach out to the people in our community who need our help. This year the guests will enjoy a hot meal at the SOULS feeding ministry before coming to the church. Our week begins Sunday, January 1st, so we need to have all volunteers in place before the Christmas holidays. Please sign up online by following the directions below, or you can sign up on the board at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. We will have a volunteer orientation meeting Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 pm on the third floor.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Visit our Signup.com page from [ecfumc.org/RITI](http://ecfumc.org/RITI)
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots and SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Signup.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Robinson (339-1437) and she can sign you up manually.

## CHRISTMAS AT FIRST UMC

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held at 7:00pm on Saturday, December 24.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** will be held at 10:00am on Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day). There will be one service, held in the chapel.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** will be held at 10:00am on Sunday, January 1 (New Years Day). There will be one service, held in the chapel.

**E-NEWS...** To receive weekly email updates of events and opportunities, visit [ecfumc.org/enews](http://ecfumc.org/enews) or use this QR code on your smartphone to sign up:



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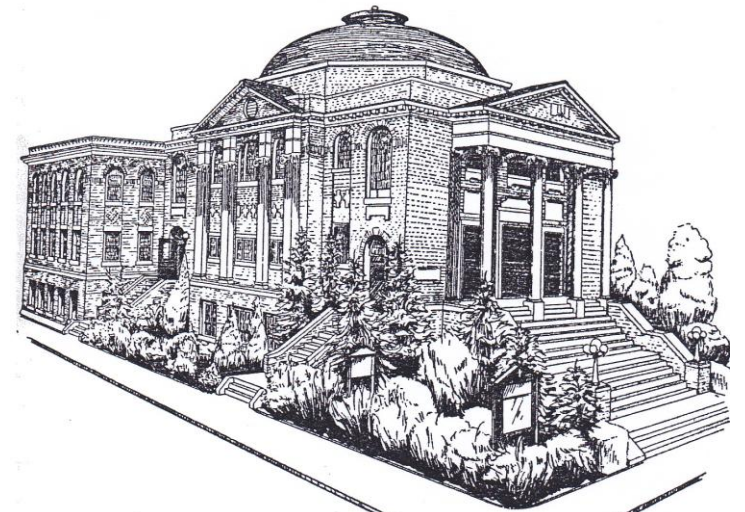
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# First United Methodist Church

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent



## Welcome

*It doesn't matter where you come from or what your past might be, this is a place for ALL people. We are a Christ-centered community where you will be loved, encouraged, and challenged to discover a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and a sense of community with others*

*We invite you to fill out a **Connection Card** which is located on the pew in front of you (Sanctuary) or just outside (Asbury Room) and drop it in the offering plate. You are important to us and this is a first step in building a relationship with you.*

*While you are here we invite you to the **Community Café**, located on the first floor for coffee, juice and refreshments. A professional **Infant and Toddler Nursery** is available in our Preschool Wing on the first floor, too.*

*We also invite you to check us out online at [ecfumc.org](http://ecfumc.org) where you can listen to sermons at any time. All of our contact and ministry information is there.*