

**God Gathers Us Together**

**Preservice Music**

*Go Tell It One the Mountain*

**Welcome**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory  
The First Noel*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God Speaks to Us**

**Psalter** Psalm 148

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *Away In a Manger*

**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.)*

**Thanksgiving Song**

**\*Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:41-52

**Sermon** *Holy Places* Danny Peck

**We Respond to God’s Call**

**\*Closing Song**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**God Sends Us Forth**

**\*Words of Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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

**Entrance**

**Prelude**

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\* Processional Hymn** No. 62

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**\*Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

The risen Christ is with us.

***Praise the Lord!***

**\*Introit**

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**

*Gracious God, we praise you for the greatest gift, salvation in your Son Jesus. In him, we find deep and abiding joy. As we dedicate our offerings, we devote ourselves to your service. Help us to live faithfully, growing in wisdom in the light of the miracle of Christmas. Thank you for giving us opportunities to bring tidings of joy to our neighbors through the ministries of this congregation. Amen*

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed No. 881

**\*Gloria:** *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**Proclamation and Response**

**Prayer for Illumination (Unison)**

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

**Psalter** Psalm 148

**Children’s Moments**

**Anthem**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:41-52

**Sermon**

Danny Peck

*Holy Places*

**Hymn**

No. 250

*Once in Royal David’s City*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

No. 94

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn**

No. 224

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Twiddy by Mr. and Mrs. Julien Suttle.

**Serving Us Today**

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

**VIDEO OPERATOR 11: 00** – Danny Peck

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

**GREETERS** – Judy Thorne and Patricia Britt

**ACOLYTES** – Evan Cox and Ava Cox

**ALTAR GUILD** – Suzanne Nelson, Carole Roebuck and

Tammy Campbell

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** –

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**OFFICE CLOSED**....The Church Office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Monday for Christmas (December 24th, 25th and 28th. We will be on reduced hours Tuesday - Thursday (December 29th - December 31st) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will also be closed on Friday for New Year's Day.

**Day Break**, which provides adult day services is in need of the following: **gloves, bingo prizes, glue sticks, balloons and stretchy lace for pony beads.**

If you have any questions, please call Mary Leigh Barrett at 331-2961 or see any member of the UMW. Thank you.

**If You Know Someone** that needs a card or prayer, please call Carol O'Neal at 330-7859.

## JOIN US

**REDUCED HOURS**....The week after Christmas, the church office will be on reduced hours and will only be open Tuesday - Thursday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**....In order to get credit for your 2015 contributions, please have all gifts in the office by Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**E-NEWS**... To receive weekly email updates of events and opportunities, call the church office at 335-1771 or use this QR code on your smartphone to sign up:

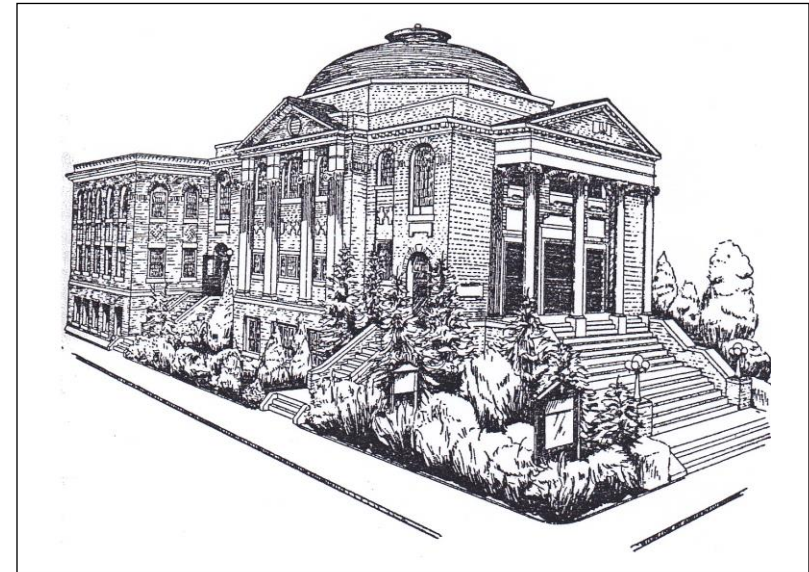


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# First United Methodist Church

## December 27, 2015



## 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.*