



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since February 12, 1872

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Liturgist

*Danielle Ditch*

Acolytes

*Liam Hokinson*

*Nora Hokinson*

Organist(s)/Pianist(s)

*Rosemary Matthews*

*Kelley Fog*

*Shellee Wright*

Choir Director

*Dave Fog*

Bell Choir Director

*Melanie Flynn*

Computer

*Kogel Family*

Video/Livestream

*Keaton Duhn*

Offering Counters

*Dave Fog*

*Troy Hall*

Dec 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Gathering Of The Church

*#indicates to stand if you are able*

### Prelude

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

### Greeting & Passing the Peace

### #Praise & Worship

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” by Rend Collective

### #Call to Worship

Leader: God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: God has done great things for us in times past.

God will do great things for us in days to come.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ’s mercy is upon us, offering hope in times of despair.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ’s love has made us whole.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit’s power disarms our pride and prejudice.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit’s power strengthens our mercy and compassion.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Even as we are filled this day,  
may we go forth to nourish a world in need.

**People: Rejoice in God our Savior.**

### Advent Reading

Johnson/Patton Family

### Bell Choir

### #Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Mighty God, pour out you Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here.**

**As we follow in Mary’s footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with your goodness and your love. Live in us, that we might bear the Christ light for all to see. Overshadow us with your presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer your blessing of love to the world.**

### #Hymn:

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

UMH#229

### New Testament Reading

Romans 1:1-6

### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

### Response to the Word

Leader: This is the word of God for all people God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Kids Christmas Program

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offering~#Doxology UMH#95~#Offering Prayer

### #Closing Hymn

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

UMH#237(1-3)

### Announcements

### #Blessing

### #Sending Forth Song

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH#251(3)

### Postlude

Worship Ends | Service Begin

### In Our Prayers...

Deb Wickman  
 Jessica Graittinger  
 Briggs Hammerlink  
 Tannya Strohmman  
 Missy Hall  
 Josh Hobart  
 Carissa Fay  
 Lincoln Coakley  
 -(grandson of Joann Coakley)

*\*Families who have lost loved ones and are grieving*

*\*People in countries at war around the world*

*\*Those who are hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

*\*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

*\*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154. Thank You!*

### Attendance

12/4~108

### Upcoming Liturgists

12/24 Sarah Strohmman  
 12/25 Jodi Ward

### Upcoming Computer (PPT)

12/24 Anderson Family  
 12/25 Duhn Family

### Upcoming Acolytes

12/24 Kourtney & Kysen Kogel  
 12/25 Hunter & Savannah Strohmman

### Upcoming Offering Counters

12/24 Shayne Kogel  
 Cal Christensen  
 12/25 Ted Ellis  
 Tony Salas  
 Greg Hoyman  
 1/1 Brian Garrels

## Upcoming Events and Celebrations

### Birthdays...

- 18 Marilyn Carlstrom
- 20 Howard Morey  
Barb Goodlaxson
- 21 Jordan Anderson
- 22 Mason Shirk
- 23 Clayton Hoch
- 25 Carol Ensley

### Anniversaries...

- 18 Steve & Mary Lou Morrison

### Empowering EFUMC Ministry week of

#### Nov Dec 5-Dec 11

<b>General Fund</b>	\$	3,537.48
<b>-EFT</b>	\$	2,330.00
<b>General Fund Total</b>	\$	5,867.48
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	\$	4,186.17

### Designated Funds received this month

<u>Wed. Worship (FLC Utilities)</u>	\$	147.00
<u>Giving Tree</u>	\$	100.00

### Week of Dec 5-Dec 11

#### Trustees

	\$	-----
<b>Trustees Total</b>	\$	-----

### **Sunday, Dec 18**

- 10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00AM Christmas Brunch

### **Monday, Dec 19**

- 12:30PM Card Club (FLC Classrooms)
- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC)
- 5:00PM Just For Kix (Basement)

### **Tuesday, Dec 20**

- 1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)
- 5:00PM Just For Kix (Basement)

### **Wednesday, Dec 21**

*\*No Wednesday Worship Activities*

### **Thursday, Dec 22**

- 1:00PM Horizons (FLC)
- 7:00PM AA (FLC)

### **Saturday, Dec 24**

- 7:00PM Christmas Eve Service

### **Sunday, Dec 25**

- 10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

