

*January 1, 2023*  
*Worship | 10:00AM | Sanctuary*



*First United Methodist Church*  
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# Order of Worship

**1st Sunday After Christmas**

**January 1, 2023**

The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.

*Our Mission: Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!  
Gather, Grow, Give, Go!*

**Prelude** “In Thee is Gladness (‘in dir ist Freude’)” arr. Allen James  
*The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshippers remain silent and contemplative.*

**Welcome & Passing of the Peace** Rev. Joel McMakin

\* **Chiming of the Hour**

\* **Opening Hymn** “To God Be the Glory” UMH #98

\* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Michelle Louk | UMH #881  
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70

**Reception of New Members** UMH #34

*Martha & Jody Davis  
Jonathan Vasquez*

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 98 Shelby Sansbury

**Children’s Message** Yvonne Brittain  
*(Children, ages 3 years old to 1st grade, may be dismissed at this time to Little Church. Parents may pick up children after worship, room 201, Wesley Bldg.)*

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Louk

**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.*

**Celebrating God’s Grace of Our Tithes and Giving Our Offerings**  
*(Offering Stewards come forward at this time. Please register your attendance.)*

**Offertory** “Fear Is Not My Future” Brandon Lake  
*Ava Hussey, vocals; Grant Nesmith, guitar*

* <b>The Doxology</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #95
* <b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Rev. Louk
* <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	UMH #140
* <b>Sermon Text</b>	Ephesians 4:17-25	Rev. McMakin
<b>Sermon</b>	“Looking Ahead”	Rev. McMakin
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“When We All Get to Heaven”	UMH #701 v. 1,2,4
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. McMakin
<b>Postlude</b>	“Good Christian Men Rejoice” (‘In Dulci Jubilo’)	arr. P.W. MacDonald

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

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We welcome everyone today and pray that all will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together. **Please register your attendance or check in on the Realm Connect app.**

The Flowers in worship are given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wilson Baker Springs, Sr. by the family.

Thank you to Roselle Williamson for providing her musical talents in worship today.

**Starting January 8, worship with us at 10AM—either traditional service in the Sanctuary or contemporary service in the Wesley Worship Center. Sunday School classes meet at 9AM.**

Virtual worship opportunities may be viewed on Facebook (fumcmb), on the website (fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or on Sundays at 10AM via WFXB (FOX TV ch 7).

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***Adult Bible Studies Daily Bible Readings:***

Jan 2—Jeremiah 31:7-9	Jan 6—Luke 15:4-7
Jan 3—Isaiah 49:13-16	Jan 7—Psalm 32:1-5
Jan 4—Matthew 6:14-15	Jan 8—Luke 15:11-32
Jan 5—Romans 3:21-26	

*“Grace and Assurance for All” — Lesson text: Luke 15:1-32*

***Read the New Testament in a Year:***

Week 1—Matthew, chapters 1-5 (one chapter per day).

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***Serving in Worship***

***Ushers—Annette Willett:*** Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Anne Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

***Acolyte*** Sully Merchant

***Video*** Jim Lewis

***Audio*** Melinda Morgan

### The Steeple Highlights

**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Kim Jones** and family on the passing of her brother in December; and to **Roger Hall** and family on the passing of his brother, **Ron Hall**, on December 24, 2022 in Warren, Ohio

### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

**Church Office** is closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year holiday.

**UWF Executive Board Meeting** on Tuesday, January 3 at 10AM in the Parlor.

**Snowbirds & Seagulls** golf on January 3 and meal, January 5, Wesley Hall.

**Caregivers Group** meeting Thursday, January 6, at 10AM in the Parlor.

**Big Tom & Friends** first Friday **Men's Lunch** Devotion on January 6, 2023, 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th with devotion by Harry Gardner.

**BBQ Dinner/Missions fundraiser** on January 8, 2023, take-out only. Tickets are \$10/plate. To purchase tickets, please contact Tara Howser, 843-340-8237 or Janice Myers, 843-455-4373.

**Church Council meeting scheduled for January 9th at 5:30PM in the Chapel.**

**Ladies Lunch Devotion** on January 11, 2023, 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th.

**New Member Classes** will be held January 15, 22 and February 5, 12. Email Pastor Michelle for more info, mdlouk@umcsc.org.

A **new adult Sunday School class** begins **January 8 at 9AM** in the **Asbury Building, 2nd floor**. Join **The Seekers**, a discussion-based class, diving into their first study on the "Parables of Jesus" led by Jody Davis and Debbie Conner. The class is open to any adults seeking to learn more about Biblical principles and God's word.

Pastor Joel has challenged us to **read the New Testament in a year**. You may find the **reading plan** as an **insert in today's Steeple, special edition**. Please tuck the plan inside your Bible. Extra copies are available at our information tables for you or to share with others. Let's see how the Holy Spirit moves among us as we read God's Word together!

**MISSIONS IMPACT WEEKEND IS COMING! JANUARY 27-29, 2023**

### **Financials and Attendance**

#### As of 12/25/2022 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of: \$ 56,086  
Total Revenue YTD 2022: \$ 1,776,954  
Total Expenses YTD 2022: \$ 1,697,536  
Difference YTD 2022: \$ 79,418

*Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.*

**Missions Faith Promise: \$ 101,000**  
**Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 126,503**

#### Presence 12/25/2022

◆ **Worship 12/24/22:** 615  
◆ **Worship 12/25/22:** 151  
◆ **Fox TV (Oct wkly est)** 1,680  
◆ **Online Worship:** 1,081  
◆ **All Social Media:** 4,225  
◆ **Sunday School:** *Did not meet*



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