Announcements

***Church after Church:*** Please join us downstairs for the last Church after Church this year. We will resume on January 8th.

***Merry Mail:*** Don’t forget to check the mail boxes in Norman Barnet Hall to pick up any cards that have been left for you!

***Year End Contributions:*** Please have all gifts to First United Methodist Church to the business office by Thursday, **December 29th.**

***Wednesday Men*** will NOT be meeting on December 21nd or 28th. They will resume their 9:00 am meetings on January 4th.

***Prayer Request Cards*** may be found in the pews as well as in the Narthex and on the table by the Elevator. To have someone placed on the prayer list, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Cards may be used to let the staff know about upcoming procedures. You may also call the church office or send an email to the church.

***At Christmas Morning Worship*** ALL forms of dress are welcome — Ugly Christmas Sweaters, Jammies, work-out clothes, etc.

***A BIG Thank-you*** to all of the **Angel Tree Volunteers!!**

***A Heartfelt Thank-You from the Children!*** The updated amount for your generous gifts to the White Christmas Offering now totals **6,721.00.** Donations will still be received through the rest of December.

**Christmas Eve**

Chancel Bells will present a Christmas Program at **4:30 pm**.

There will be two Communion & Candlelight services as follows:

The first at **5:00 pm** following the Bells and a second service at **7:00 pm**

**Christmas Day**

Worship at 10:05 **am**

First United Methodist Church

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December 18, 2022

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**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Woodrow

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Director: Christi Dunn

Nursery Attendants: Letitia King & Rosie Parker

**Morning Worship**

December 18, 2022 ‡ 10:05

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering Prelude Nancy Carleton  *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Invocation Pam Barnhardt

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Candle of Love* Family of John David Brewton

† Hymn 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Congregation

† The Apostle’s Creed Congregation

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 Congregation

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

**PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE**

Celebrations and Concerns Rev. John Woodrow

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Woodrow

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

† Hymn 245 *The First Noel* Congregation

*(Let the children come forward during the last verse)*

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

Anthem  Choir

Scripture  *Matthew 1:18-21 (NIV)* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Running On Empty”* Rev. Woodrow

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 218  *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Congregation

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth *Postlude* Nancy Carleton

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† *Standing as able*

*Please silence or turn off your cell phones.*

**Attendance registration August 13, 2017**

Check one: 9:00\_\_\_\_\_11:00\_\_\_\_\_

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* Member(s)
* First time visitor
* Visitor
* Wish to join church
* Desire pastoral visit

Will you share your birthday below for our newsletter birthday list?

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*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God*

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*