

EPIPHANY & COMMUNION SUNDAY
January 5, 2022 ~ 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPRECIATION TO RETIRING STAFF

Peg Peter & Kathy Kean

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Michele Murray

"Rejoice! He is Here" arr. Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Candy Short

ONE: Walk beside us, O Holy One,

ALL: **As we question and welcome,**

ONE: As we challenge and invite, as we discover
and understand,

ALL: **As we see, touch, taste, smell, and
listen for the Newness awaiting us in
this New Year.**

***HYMN** "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #173

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday)

Joe Snyder

OFFERTORY

Mark & Michele Murray

"Away in a Manger" arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from all blessings flow; Praise
him, all creatures here below; Praise him
above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Joe Snyder

ANTHEM

Mark & Michele Murray

"Ding Dong Merrily on High" arr. Kevin Norbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Candy Short

***HYMN**

"We Three Kings"

#254

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

***GOSPEL**

Candy Short

Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

¹Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign
of King Herod. About that time some wise men from
eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²"Where is
the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it
rose, and we have come to worship him."

***NEW TESTAMENT** Ephesians 3:6-12 (NLT)

⁶And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who
believe the Good News share equally in the riches
inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same
body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because
they belong to Christ Jesus. ⁷By God's grace and mighty
power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by
spreading this Good News. ⁸Though I am the least
deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the
privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless
treasures available to them in Christ. ⁹I was chosen to
explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the
Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.
¹⁰God's purpose in all this was to use the church to
display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen
rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was
his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ
Jesus our Lord. ¹²Because of Christ and our faith in
him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's
presence.

This is God's Word for us today.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"We Three Kings"

#254

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,

guide us to thy perfect light.

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

SERMON

Mystery Made Known

Rev. Boruff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boruff

The radiance of a star guided the travelerssorrow
and hopelessness.

**We confess and ask your forgiveness for the
times when we choose to go our own way rather
than be guided by you – the times when we
block the power and radiance of Christ in us.
Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow
wherever you lead us and to reveal your glory,
compassion and love through all we do and say.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Candy Short

As surely as the Light follows the Darkness, the light
of God's love, given to the world so long ago, is given
for you, for healing and hope. You are beloved of
God. In God's name, receive the Light.

Thanks be to God!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Boruff

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We give you thanks, O God, for making your love
evidentwe join with them and with all people to
praise your holy name:

**Holy Lord, God of endless love, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. The angels sang of it
- we have been lavished with it. We praise him
who was born that we might have life. Glory to
God and on earth peace to all people.**

Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures... were
broke bread with his friends, and he said:

**'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken
for you. Remember me each time you do this.'**

After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said:

**'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is
my life, poured out for you to begin a new
relationship with God.'**

Send the power of your Holy SpiritThis we pray in
Jesus' name. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

All are welcome to share in Christ's gift.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#218

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.
4. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

BENEDICTION

God has heard our prayers and sent the Light to lead us forward into a New Year.

We rejoice in the Light! Christ is here!

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Michele Murray

"We Three Kings" arr. Michele Murray

SNOWBALLS OF HOPE

Stay in the sanctuary following the final musical piece and "deliver by air" to Ally and Corinne your donations of new socks, gloves and hats.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines

Greeters: Ron and Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline

Fellowship Time: Carlos Cortes Family

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout

Pianist: Michele Murray

Security: Richard Falkenberg

Finance: Gene Brueggen

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Office Manager: Judy Whitney

Mark Murray

Production Director: Matt Stout

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST: 80** guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **WELCOME NEW STAFF:** Judy Whitney will begin as the new full-time Office Manager on Dec. 30 and will be recognized in worship on Jan. 12. Stop by and make her feel welcome!

Weekly Schedule

Sun 1/5			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown
Mon 1/6			
10:00 am	United Women in Faith	North/South	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 1/7			
9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 1/8			
9:00 am	Energy Assistance	Door #2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
Thurs 1/9			
Fri 1/10			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 1/11			
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 1/12			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food at First		Downtown



First United Methodist

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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation