

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JANUARY 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Jackson and Zenda Rushing

PRELUDE

Payton Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

P: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

C: We are called out of our darkness into light.

P: Lift up your eyes and look around.

C: We rejoice in the gift of light.

P: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

C: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"We Three Kings"
Barbara Dickson, piano; Penny Rogers, flute arr. Conley

Words in Bulletin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON

"Arise! Shine! The Light Has Come!"

HYMN

"Light of the World" By Lauren Daigle

Words in Bulletin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Peyton Taylor

¹ Brown, Joanne Carlson, ministrymatters.com, *call to worship for epiphany Sunday*



We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

WORDS: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857 (Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

KINGS OF ORIENT
 88.446 with Refrain

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Lauren Daigle

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel

The child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel

And can you hear
The angels singing

Glory to the light of the world
Glory the light of the world is here

The drought breaks
With the tears of a mother
A babies cry is the sound
Of love come down
Come down, Emmanuel

He is the song for the suffering
He is messiah
The Prince of Peace has come
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
For all who wait
For all who hunger
For all who've prayed
For all who wonder
Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world
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Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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THE CONNECTION

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.
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A Few Words from the Pastor...

Happy New Year! It is January and many people are talking about their new year's resolutions. It is good to review how we are doing and make goals for changes to improve our life on a regular basis. Some of the top New Year's resolutions every year are to get in shape, lose weight, and quit smoking, as evidenced by all the advertising on television, social media, and the radio we are hearing and seeing these days.

These are all worthwhile areas that focus on improving our health and physical well-being. The beginning of a new year is also a great time to make some resolutions for our spiritual growth and well-being. So, here are some suggestions to consider for your 2021 resolutions.

Come to Worship at FUMC Every Week In-Person or Online

Psalms 149:1 says, "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful." The fourth commandment is to "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." Worship with other believers energizes and nurtures our faith and our relationship with God.

Help Other People

Leviticus 19:18 tells us that we are to love our neighbors just as much as we love ourselves. In Mark 12:31, Jesus reminds us that loving and serving our neighbors are just as important as loving God. Many people need our help at these trying times. Doing someone's shopping, picking up a prescription and donating to the FUMC and McArn foodbanks are life giving to our neighbors. When we serve others, we see God's love in action in new ways that grow us spiritually.

Expand Your Prayer Life

Throughout the Bible we see God's faithful people spending time with God in prayer. Too often we limit our prayers to asking for things we want or for help when things are not going well. Expand your prayer life by beginning and ending each day in prayer. In the morning thank God for a new day and ask God to guide your steps throughout the day. End each day giving God your thanks and praise for all the blessings of the day. Daily prayer can increase our awareness of God's presence and God's work in our lives.

Increase Your Tithe

The biblical standard of giving one tenth of all we have to God is set with Jacob in Genesis 28:22. When we give our tithes to God we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God, we witness to our faith in God's provision for our lives, and we demonstrate our love of God and neighbor. Tithing helps us grow in faith and live out our faith.

One key to success for any resolution for change is to share your resolutions with someone and then share your progress on a regular basis. These resolutions are for people of all ages and can be made by individuals and groups. Consider making them as a married couple, as a family, with your Sunday school class members, or with your youth group. I look forward to hearing your spiritual resolutions and how you are growing as a disciple of our Lord Jesus the Christ in 2021!

Pastor Debra



OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thraikill, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Tony Thraikill, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, Connie Williamson, JoAnne Morgan, Eric Garris (Mary Burr's friend), Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Mary-Mallete Wood, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Amy Smith Family, Pete Baker, Debbie Adams and Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

A mask worn incorrectly is not safe or effective.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?



Make sure!

-  Your nose, mouth, and chin are covered
-  Your straps should hold your mask snugly around your face without any gaps



Thank You For Your Cooperation With Our COVID-19 Safety Protocols!

- Enter Through Office Lobby
- Temperature Checks
- Exit Through Sanctuary Front Doors after Worship as Directed by Ushers
- Maintain 6ft Distance
- No Singing
- Wear Masks Properly and the Entire Time You Are in the Church





SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: PRACTICAL HINTS FROM GRIEFSHARE:

- Recognize that the holidays are going to be tough – emotionally, relationally, physically, spiritually.
- Set realistic expectations for yourself, understanding your limitations.
- Pray and ask God to help you. Be intentional. Just because you don't feel God's presence, does not mean He's not there.
- Emotional ambushes – when you pull out Christmas ornaments, when you set the holiday table, in a store when you are shopping. Expect emotional ambushes. It won't stop them, but expectation will help lessen the surprise factor. Emotions are natural and God given – sadness, loneliness, anger. You may want to journal your feelings. It gives you a place to release pent-up emotions. It can be a healing tool for your eyes only.
- Think in advance which activities and traditions have the potential to be hard-hitting. You don't have to do everything you have always done. Having a plan helps keep you from becoming overwhelmed.
- Taking care of your physical health is important. Get enough rest, get some exercise and sunlight and make wise food choices. Be intentional about self-care.
- Gift giving can be strenuous. Consider passing on something special that belonged to your loved one. Give a gift to a cause important to your loved one in lieu of presents.
- If you are fortunate enough to be with your family, sit around the dinner table or Christmas tree and talk about your loved one. Share good memories, lessons learned from your loved one, and character traits to exemplify. Your loved one's legacy lives on through you and through all the people your loved one touched in life.
- Thankfulness is a healing too. There's always something to be thankful for. Write these down.
- One way to take focus off of your pain is to reach out to help others while you are hurting. A phone call, a text message, a card to someone homebound or with no family in the area. Adopt a needy child or family for Christmas.
- Griefshare is there to encourage you. If you have not done so already, log on to Griefshare.org and sign up for the daily encouraging emails you will receive for one year. We hope to start a new 13 week Griefshare series in the Spring. Watch for details

Bonnie J. Cundiff and Susan Marsh, Griefshare Facilitators



Thank you so much the generous Christmas gift. We are so blessed to serve the Lord with you at First United Methodist Church. We love you all and are so thankful to God for each one of you. May the hope, joy, and peace Christmas brought to us carry you into 2021. Happy New Year!

Angie Pastor Debra

BOOK AVAILABLE: Copies of the book titled "Resurrection, A Pastor's Reading of the Major New Testament Resurrection Passages" by Pastor Phil Thrailkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

J.O.Y CLUB: The J.O.Y Club will not be meeting until further notice. Mary and Renie will advise when the first meeting will be.



Nurture and Care Ministry Reaching Hearts

First United Methodist Church's Nurture and Care ministry works extremely hard to help shut-ins stay connected with our church especially during the covid-19 pandemic. Phone calls, cards, and gifts help those who cannot attend church at this time know we love them and are thinking about them. The transport ministry has provided rides for several individuals to doctor's appointments. If you would like to be contacted by one of our ministry volunteers, or if you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.



Join us for virtual worship when you cannot be here in person. Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded each week in the sanctuary. The service is available by 2 p.m. on the Sunday it is recorded. To worship with us virtually go to www.cherawfirstumc.org. Click on the tab labeled "video sermon archive." Then click on the service you want to participate in and enjoy worshipping with your church family. The most recent sermon will always be at the top of the list



Your Help Needed!

We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this transition. Please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 and offer to share your

God-given talents with our church.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE: Have you considered remembering the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving, if you would like to make a contribution to this fund, mark on the "for line" of your check Endowment Fund.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

In Memory of Billy Wicker

M&M John Moore, Ellen Rushing Boan, Ginger and Bill Caughman, M&M Mickey Sullivan, Betty Thrailkill, Ellen Rushing Boan

In Memory of Sara Wicker

Ellen Rushing Boan

In Memory of Amy Smith

M&M John Moore, Mary Burr, M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Jack Baker

Mary Burr, Betty Thrailkill

In Memory of Margaret Mathis

Mary Burr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

Monday, January 4, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm January 10 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Saturday, January 9, 2021

10:30am Recording of Worship Music

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
5:30-7:00pm UMYF
6:00pm Church Council Meeting

FUMC STAFF

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Angie Smith, Ministry Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)

Holly Haire, Child Development Ministry Director (fccdm@yahoo.com)

Now Hiring! - Music Director

McArn Items: Canned meats
Head Usher: Greg Sanderson
Attendance Christmas Eve: 50

Year to Date Received: \$344,136.43
Year to Date Expenses: \$344,910.30
Attendance December 27: 46