

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

If you are a visitor, please sign the visitor card on the back of the pew.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE	“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	DAVIS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Keith
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		Doug & Susan Marsh
*HYMN No. 232	When Christmas Morn is Dawning	CHRISTMAS DAWN
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 880	The Nicene Creed	Greg Sanderson
*RESPONSE	Angels We Have Heard on High- Refrain <i>“Gloria, in excelsis Deo!”</i>	GLORIA
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Pastor Keith
ANTHEM	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	COPELAND
OFFERTORY	“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”	JAFERMYER
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” <i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Keith
*HYMN NO. 229	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	W ZLOBIE LEZY
*SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 1: 26-38	Pastor Keith
SERMON	CHRIST IS COMING, READY OR NOT	Pastor Keith
*HYMN No. 246	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Keith
*CHORAL RESPONSE	“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”	MARGARET
POSTLUDE	“Christmas Medley”	Jackson Stone

Our PRAYER LIST- Our President, our Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Jim Bennett, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Erika Kollitz, Tony Thraikill, Mike Starlings, Kathy Treadaway(friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Jacorah Booth (friend of Joey and Trina Mills), Scotty Mason(Joey Mills' cousin), Shelton Rumph, Rhonda Jones(sister-in-law of Ruth Ann Jones), Emily Marsh, Carolyn Tuner(Amanda Carobo's Mother) Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Harley Rushing, The family of JoAnne Morgan, Alice Seel (daughter of Renie Seel), Jayne Board, Zach Mills (Trina and Joey Mills son), Pal Moore, Daryl Stubbs, Joann Spivey, The family of Martha Bentley, Judy Dixon, Scott Hunter. **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY Dec 24th, 2023

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
10:30 am Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY Dec. 27th, 2023

9.00 am to 1:30 pm
Church Office Closed
5:30 Handbells (No Practice)
6:30 Chancel Choir (No Practice)

MONDAY Dec. 25th, 2023

9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Church Office Closed

THURSDAY Dec. 28th , 2023

9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY Dec. 26th, 2023

9:00 am to 1:30 p.m.
Church Office Closed
10:30 am Mat Makers (Not Meeting)

FRIDAY Dec. 29th, 2023

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY Dec. 31st, 2023

10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 am Worship

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83

Amount Needed to Date:

Sunday School Attendance 46

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned Meat /Stew
Dried Beans

Greeter: Norma Cobb

Greeters Next Sunday: Rhett & Marcia Butler

Acolyte: Penny Quick

Nursery Workers: Michelle Rohde

Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Received week of Dec. 17 : \$16030.00

Amount Received to Date:

Worship Attendance 93

McArn Food Bank Item: Canned soup and rice
Instant Grits

Head Usher: Norma Cobb

Liturgist Next Week: Thomas Samuel

Flowers Next Sunday:

Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC CHERAW

Judy Dixon will be having knee surgery, on 12/26/23 at Laurinburg NC.

The making of Mats for the Homeless resumes, Jan. 2, 2024, at 10:30 am.

All Donations and Contributions should be in the office, no later than December 31, 2023 if you want them included in your end of year report.

You can also drop them in the mail slot, in the Pastor's Office Door.

The Church office will be closed the week of Christmas through New Year's Day. December 25th thru January 1st. The office will reopen January 2nd.

**Worship Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 5:00 pm
In Fred Harris/ Pairs and Spares Sunday school room.**

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