

**First United Methodist Church**

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**November 20, 2022 — November 26, 2022**

*“Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday”*

Usher / Greeter: Needed                      Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Gordie Barry                      Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Rita Salter                      Fellowship: Kathleen Haynes  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Boxes

Monday (11/21)      Bible Study & Prayer Group will resume on January 9th  
Tuesday (11/22)      Community Thanksgiving Service 7 PM at First UMC  
Wednesday (11/23)  
Thursday (11/24)      Thanksgiving—Office Closed  
Friday (11/25)      Office Closed  
Saturday (11/26)

**November 27, 2022 — December 3, 2022**

*“1st Sunday of Advent”*

Usher / Greeter: Needed                      Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Connie K                      Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Rita Salter                      Fellowship: Subs, chips, dip and drink  
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Sunday (11/27)      Hanging of the Greens for Christmas after fellowship  
Monday (11/28)      Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (11/29)  
Wednesday (11/30)      Community Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM at First Baptist Church  
Thursday (12/1)      Mission 11 AM  
Friday (12/2)  
Saturday (12/3)      UWIF (UMW) Christmas Tea/Cookie Exchange 1 PM



**Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Mary Prater, Kathleen Haynes, Bob Whinnen, Ruth Annelin and niece, Dan Crosby, Phyllis Burge, Jo Nell Rubick, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Billings family, Kali Lewis, Connie Whitsitt.**



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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE Come, Ye Thankful-(Lani Smith)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** 98 To God Be the Glory

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The prophets of old foretold the coming of a Messiah, and of one who would come before Him to prepare the way. The people hoped anxiously for His coming soon. Yet they did not understand.

**P: We know that Jesus, the Messiah, did come. We also know that He was not the great military leader they expected, the one who would rid them of the Roman conquerors under whom they suffered. But there are things we also do not understand.**

L: Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of old. He came, the people did not recognize Him, and He was unfairly and horribly executed. Only after that did some of His most loyal followers truly understand.

**P: One of the things which we do not understand is why Jesus had to suffer so much. Why didn't God simply get rid of sin without heaping all of the world's sins on Jesus?**

L: It is true that even today we do not fully understand. Had God simply eliminated sin, He would have denied us freedom of choice. If He tolerated sin and there were no consequences of it, we would never have understood the terrible truth of how much God is affected by our sins, and how devastating they are for us. We would not have learned how much He loves us and the extremes He is willing to go for us.

**P: Praise You, O God, for being willing to sacrifice even Your own Son on our behalf. Forgive us our arrogance in presuming that we would have done it differently, or even better, than You have done. Remind us again and again that Your way is always the right way and the best way.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 211 (v 1,2,4,7)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 23:33-43**

SERMON

Connie Kelsey

Scoffers on a Hill

PRAYER TIME

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us,  
 And grant us Thy peace. (2x)  
 Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

For The Beauty of the Earth

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Ding-A-Lings-Hand Bell Quartet

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 437

(Music Tune) This Is My Song

We Pray For Peace (Hymn for Ukraine)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING HYMN:** UMH 672

God Be with You till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE:

Hymn of Thanksgiving-(Robert J. Hughes)

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE