

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Billy Anderson	Cassie Evans	Mary Ann Gulley	Carolynn Scruggs
Donna Beard	Betty Ford	Houston Hall	Neal Simonton
Faye Beckett	Lauren Gilliland	Jackson Hughey	Bart White
Katie Billings	Howard Greenwood	Jane Mayfield	Dr. Barney Witherington III
Joe Campodonico	Kelly Greenwood	Frank Racy	Lanier Young
Phronia Dailey	Rocky Greenwood	Emogene Ray	

Condolences to the families of: Bill Flanagan, Sr., Bernie Liles, and Maurice Smith.

### UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

Skip and Kendy Erwin

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS TODAY

McKenzie Howard and Casey Rogers

### NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

Volunteers Needed

## CALENDAR DECEMBER 24-31, 2017

### Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. One Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service-Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25-Christmas Day (Church Offices Closed)

### Thursday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, December 31-Wesley's Covenant Service

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship-Christian Life Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM

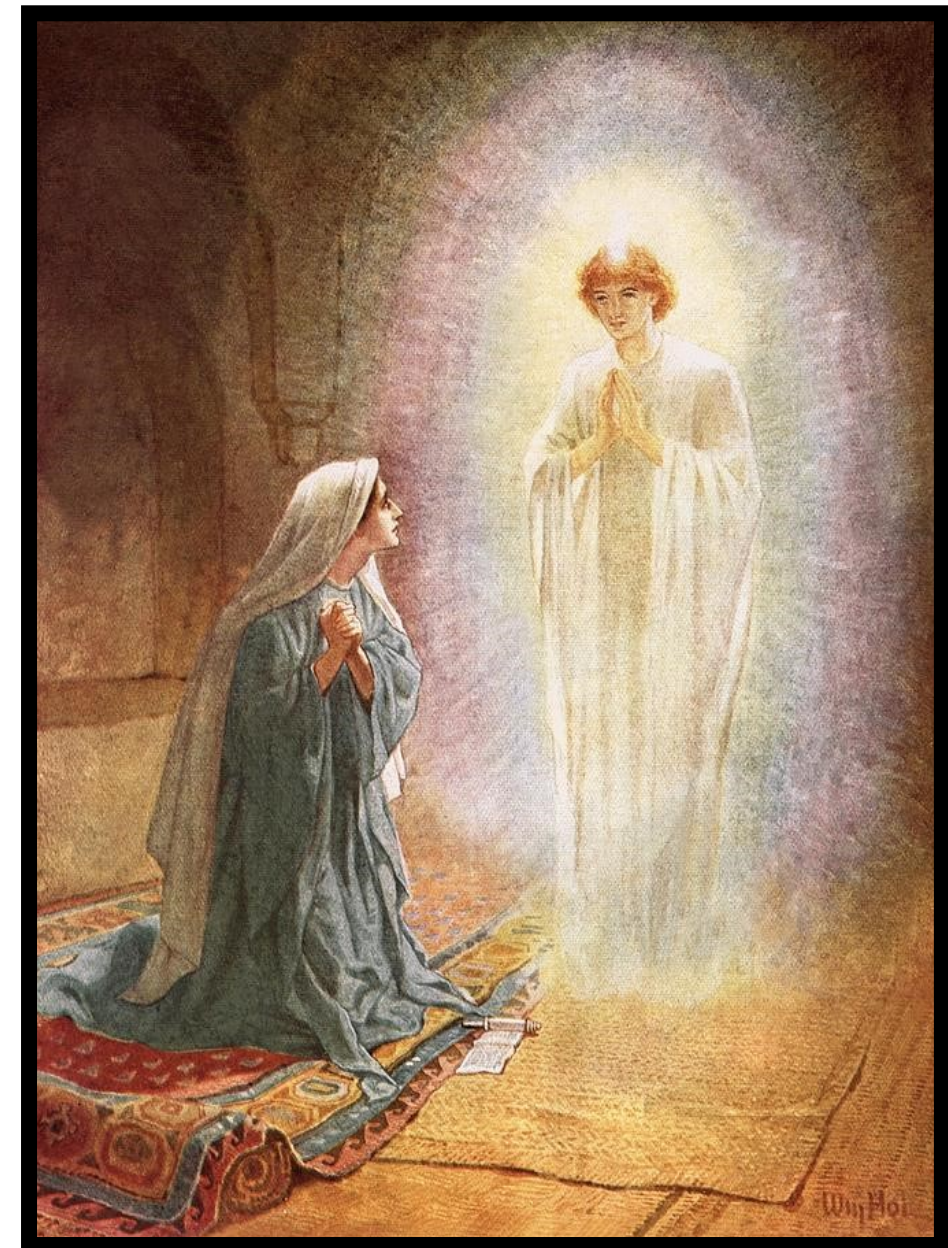
*We welcome our guest musicians today, Julia Atkinson and Mike and Nicholas McKenzie.  
Thank you for being part of our Christmas Eve service.*



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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

### 10:00 A.M.

# Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color-Blue

PRELUDE *Christmas Praise* Betty Fleming, Piano  
arr. Phillips Justin Hanson, Organ

GATHERING/NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/INVOCATION Helene Kramer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Breath of Heaven* Choir  
arr. Courtney

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH 218  
(stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE David, Leah and Avonlea Isome

LITANY OF THE ANNUNCIATION Isaiah 7:10-14 Helene Kramer

**Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us in Jesus Christ.  
At the message of an angel, the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will.  
Filled with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your Word.  
Strengthen us by the example of her humility, that we may always be ready to do your  
will, and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Liturgy of the Hours, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM UMH 39 Liana Grace Morency  
Parents: Mark and Wendy Morency  
Paternal Grandparents: Sue Morency and the late William Morency  
Maternal Grandparents: Terry and Jean Ridenour

————— Children are dismissed for Children's Church. —————

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *The First Noel* UMH 245  
(stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Helene Kramer

OFFERTORY *Bring a Torch* Justin Hanson, Organ  
arr. Smith Mike McKenzie, Trumpet  
Nicholas McKenzie, Trumpet

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 220  
**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang  
creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth; Come and worship, come and  
worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know?* Julia Atkinson, Harp  
arr. Bock Choir  
Bonnie Wright, Director

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Dan Camp

SERMON "Not So Fake News"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP  
*(Those desiring to unite with this Christian fellowship are invited to make their way forward.)*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Joy to the World* UMH 246  
(all stanzas)

†MARCH TO THE MANGER  
*(Gifts may be brought to the altar during the singing of the hymn.)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Silent Night* Choir

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* Justin Hanson, Organ  
arr. Martin

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

† *March to the Manger, our annual Christmas offering, dates to 2007. It represents this congregation's  
desire to be a community of faith reaching beyond our walls-spreading the love of Christ. Our leadership  
has discerned the needs for this year's offering to be twofold: The Van Fund and the Good Samaritan Fund.*

*Our current van (a 2001 model) has faithfully hauled our youth on mission  
trips, delivered children to summer camps, toys to Reelfoot, taken scouts to  
camp and has done so with style and grace. While it has served us well, it is  
time for retirement.*

*The Good Samaritan Fund assists those in need within our community by  
providing emergency lodging and assistance with gas, prescriptions, rent and  
utilities. As of December 8, 2017, 771 awards totaling over \$39,000 have  
touched the lives of over 1,800 persons this year.*

*Please bring your March to the Manger gifts to the altar rail during this service or at the Christmas Eve  
6 p.m. service.*

