

Prayers, Presence and Gifts

Hospitalized (as of December 21)

Paul Alley
Doris Beal
Lori Dettmer
Robert Paulsen
Judith Seaver

Deaths:

Thomas Milligan, 12/3
Michael Clayton, 12/11
Roger Burns, 12/16

Presence In Worship

In Person: 269
Online: 2,128
Total: 2,397

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$69,111
Received: \$32,748
Received to Date: \$3,247,544

Electronic Giving:

While we are unable to meet in person for worship, electronic giving is a convenient way to continue to financially support the ministry of the church:

ON OUR WEBSITE: firstumc.org/online-giving/
ACH, electronic checks (eChecks), debit or credit card

VIA QR CODE: Scan the code with your phone's QR Reader and follow directions.

VIA TEXT: Text the amount you would like to give to 863-617-7899. Make sure to include a "\$" before the amount and follow instructions.

For more information on electronic giving, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).



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The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a **worship plus three church**.



Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor
Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor
Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
Rev. Lee Lallance, Minister of Music & Fine Arts
Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent,
Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

During this time we are experiencing worship online.

Please join us at: firstumc.org/worship-now/

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
OPENING SONG	Away in a Manger/arr. Allen	Virtual Kids PRAISE
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Please stand</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
SONG OF PRAISE	O Little Town of Bethlehem	Angie & Warren Pattison
SONG OF PRAISE	Angels We Have Heard on High (v1-3)	Angie & Warren Pattison
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	Welcome King Jesus	9:30 Worship
SERMON	<i>Children of the Light/I Thessalonians 5:5-6</i>	David McEntire
CLOSING SONG	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i>	9:30 Worship
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice/Corl	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Please stand</i>	Melissa Stump
HYMN	O Little Town of Bethlehem	Angie & Warren Pattison
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 888		Melissa Stump
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
ANTHEM	<i>Away in a Manger/arr. Allen</i>	Virtual Kids PRAISE
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Emma and Kate Scott
SERMON	<i>Children of the Light/I Thessalonians 5:5-6</i>	David McEntire
HYMN	Angels We Have Heard on High (v1-3)	Angie & Warren Pattison
BENEDICTION		David McEntire
POSTLUDE	<i>He is Born/Bedard</i>	Matthew H. Corl, AAGO

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are children of the light, children of the day.

ALL: We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

LEADER: So then, let us not be like those who are asleep.

ALL: Let us be awake and filled with the light of Christ.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop

Our Giving Tree is decorated for Thanksgiving and Christmas and open for safe shopping by appointment!

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 1pm
- Wednesdays between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

For an appointment (2 shoppers at a time, masks required), email bookstore@firstumc.org or call 863-686-3163 and press *248 when the receptionist begins speaking. The message you leave on the phone will go directly to the bookstore managers at home. All proceeds go to Missions!

We have Bible study and faith formation resources for all ages available on our website at [firstumc.org/grow](https://www.firstumc.org/grow). For more information on these opportunities, email Warren Pattison at wpattison@firstumc.org.

Sunday School for Adults

Many of our Sunday School classes are meeting online. Check the start times as some have shifted to accommodate in-person worship times. Visitors are welcome to participate in any of these classes. For more information on connecting with a particular class, email Warren.

CHILDREN

Contact Director of Children's Ministry, Cristi Moore for information and Zoom links: cmoore@firstumc.org

Virtual Sunday School Rooms

Join us for Sunday School at [firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/](https://www.firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/). You can attend Sunday School at a time that is convenient for you. There are rooms for each age level that include Bible stories, activities, games, devotions and much more. For more information, contact Cristi Moore at cmoore@firstumc.org.

Faith Formation

To continue our discipleship and learning during this time when we cannot meet face to face, please check our online faith formation page at <https://www.firstumc.org/onlinefaithformation/> for available resources for you and your family.

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who gave during the month of December! This month, First United members:

"Adopted" 81 children of migrant farmworkers, shopped off of their wish lists, purchased and wrapped their presents, and then dropped them off for us to deliver.

Provided enough toiletries, snack foods and other requested items to fill 300 Christmas gift bags for our friends at Peace River.

Purchased and dropped off more than 3,000 pounds of food to our migrant ministry partners in Mulberry.

Children's Clothes Closet in Need

On January 10, from 1-4pm at the Mission Depot, we will collect clothes for our Children's Clothes Closet during our monthly food collection. They are in need of jackets, sweatshirts, jeans and pants for boys and girls ages 6-16. All donations are appreciated.

Food and Clothing Collection

Our next collection for our migrant ministry partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers - will be Sunday, January 10, from 1-4 pm at the Missions Depot. Please provide only requested items and NO glass jars:

- rice
- beans (pinto and black)
- Maseca flour
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- canned tuna and chicken
- Vienna sausage
- canned vegetables
- Jiffy Cornbread mix
- breakfast cereal

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Tune in early to our online worship services and catch more announcements on slides!