

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018**

2018 budget \$ 580,648.46  
Received Nov. 25, 2018 Budget 5,886.90  
Received to date, Budget 471,863.67  
Received Nov. 25, 2018 Bldg. 1,130.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 55,267.50

**ATTENDANCE, NOV. 25, 2018**

Sunday School.....1 00  
Early Service.....3 0  
11:00 AM Service.....1 16  
Total Worship.....1 46



**THE WINDOW**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

November 27, 2018

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**USHERS:** V.J. Trolio Fred Zepponi Bill Clements Billy Buck Stagers  
Brooks Tinsley Vandy Stubbs Troy Blanton

**COFFEE& JUICE:** Good Shepherd Class

**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bill Maclean 11:00AM

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR DEC:** Allison Trolio & Lona Rosetti

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Bella Monteleone and Seth Cunningham

**GREETERS FOR 12/2 - Rider Clemons, Luann Purnell, Beth Raines, Elizabeth Bailey**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Kevin & Ashleigh Flurry (12/2)  
Greg & Jessi Sugg (12/9)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Jennie Cantrell - NMMC, WP

**At Home**

Jennie Cantrell Jim Ross Sue Rushing  
Geonette Pendley Liz Cook Boyce McNeece  
Grathan Christian Tom Storey

**Dugan**

Mary Frances Miller  
Bitsy Weaver

**WP Living Center**

Barbara LeBlanc  
Tommy Miller

**The Manor at Traceway**

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

**Trinity Place**

Martha Priest  
Marguerite Breland

**The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.**

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*First United Methodist Church  
P. O. Box 293*

*Dated Material  
November 27, 2018*

*West Point, MS 39773*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**The LIGHT Has Come: A Worship Series For Advent and Christmas**

May I begin this week's reflection with a confession?

When the temperatures outside were still near 80 in September, I began listening to Christmas music.

I have a friend who once said she could listen to Christmas music year round, and I know what she means. As a kid, one of my favorite songs was, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." My mom loves to recall how I would be singing it when she dropped me off at school in every month except December!

Tidings of great joy and good news for all people abound in Advent and Christmas. Even people who don't believe in Jesus are humming along to songs about him in concert halls and shopping malls. But the Christ child's message of hope and peace is one the Church must proclaim year round with our lives and our words. The light over Bethlehem never goes out, no matter how dark the skies of life might seem.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will use the acronym of LIGHT to guide us through the lectionary readings. We'll reflect on the prophets some weeks and gospel writers other weeks. A common thread throughout will be that the Light has come, the Light is here, and the Light will come again. Such is our proclamation as the body of Christ! I look forward to worshipping with you in this sacred and holy season.

all good things to each of you,  
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for December 2, 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

The Communion offering on Sunday, December 2 will go to the UM Children's Home. Please place your donations in the baskets at the end of the chancel rail.  
**SYMPATHY...** We extend sympathy to Mr. Gene Baldwin on the death of his sister, Mrs. Martha Levangie who passed away on November 16.