

***The First Sunday after Christmas  
Service of Word  
December 28, 2025 at 11:00AM***

**GATHERING IN PRAISE**

*The Chiming of the Worship Hour*

*The Welcome and Announcements*

*The Prelude*

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. Cook

*The Lighting of the Candles*

*The Opening Prayer*

*\*The Hymn of Praise*

“Joy to the World” No. 246 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*The Children’s Moments*

*The Intercessory Prayers*

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

*\*The Congregational Hymn*

“In the Bleak Midwinter” No. 221 (vs. 1, 4)

*The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings*

*The Offertory*

“We Three Kings” arr. Cook

*\*The Doxology*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*\*The Prayer for Illumination* see insert

*\*The Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 63:7-9

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon*

“His Presence Saved Them”

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

*\*The Nicene Creed* No. 880

*\*The Gloria Patri*

*\*The Hymn of Invitation*

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 240 (all verses)

**SENDING FORTH**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

*\*The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*\*Postlude*

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” arr. Berry

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God  
and given in loving memory or honor of  
those listed in the poinsettia booklet.*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion Offerings** – The Communion offerings this month will go toward our Good Samaritan Community Assistance Fund which offers emergency utility assistance to local residents in need. We are in desperate need of funding for this program. You may give funds at any time; just designate them for assistance.

**Christmas Office Closure** – The church office will be closed to the public until Monday, January 5, 2026, for the Christmas holidays. There will be no newsletter on December 30.

**End of the Year Monetary Gifts** – If you would like to make donations to the church while the offices are closed, you may send them by mail or contact Julie Gray if you would rather hand deliver them.

**Poinsettias** – The Judy Shirley Circle would like to thank everyone who bought poinsettias. You helped raise money for our mission projects and helped create a beautiful setting for our worship services. You may pick up your poinsettia today or leave it to adorn our sanctuary through January 4<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks goes to Jane Caston who is diligently keeping them watered and beautiful for our worship services.

***First United Methodist Church  
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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor  
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Kindal Gammill, Pianist***