

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**January 14, 2024**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude "Trumpet Tune in A Major" D. Johnson  
Enter with Acolytes Wyatt Bourcy  
Call to Worship "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"  
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Cheryl  
[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out  
your contact information to receive emails about activities  
going on in the church.]

*We Praise*

\* Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH 64  
\* Words of Worship Genesis 1:1-5

*Leader: In the beginning, God....*

**People: Swept over waters, Spoke light into  
existence, created day and night and called it good.**

*Leader: As the days and nights of creation filled with  
life, God...*

**People: Made humanity out of the dirt to love and  
tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.**

*Leader: As we lost our way, God...*

**People: Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the  
way back.**

\* Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77  
(vss. 1-2)

\* Words of Worship (Continued) From Mark 1

*Leader: On the day Jesus came to the banks of the  
Jordan River to be baptized, God...*

**People: Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased."**

*Leader: Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters,  
remembering our baptism in which God...*

**People: Claims us as beloved children, the family  
of God.**

\* Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77  
(verse 3)

**SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**BAPTISM OF Adelyn Grace Harrell, daughter of Marcus  
and Ashley Harrell**

Church, will you nurture these children and this family in  
Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they  
may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to  
profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We  
will.**

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ. We will  
surround these persons with a community of love and  
forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and  
be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray  
for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the  
way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Congregation Responses:

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.**

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

**BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born through water and the Spirit,  
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**MEMBERSHIP VOWS (All)**

**We welcome you in Christian love. As members together  
with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of  
the United Methodist Church we share in the covenant  
faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by  
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our  
witness that in everything God may be glorified through  
Jesus Christ.**

*We Proclaim*

\* Anthem "Here I Am Lord" J. Schrader

Message **Of Dirt and Desperation** Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Prayers

Choral Call to Prayer "Lead Me Lord"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Remember Your Baptism

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" G. Martin

\* Doxology UMH 95

Recognition of Leadership

## *We Go Forth*

- \* Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77  
(verse 4)
- \* Sending Forth to Serve Pastor Cheryl
- \* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"
- Postlude "Allegro" from Sonata VI G.B. Martini  
\*You are invited to stand.

### Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
Susan Patton, Pianist  
Denis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech

Our January Mission of the Month is the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Pastor's Fund" in the memo line) will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select Mission of the Month.



Children's Sunday School meets in the Family Ministry Center right after the Children's Moment during worship. The Friendship Class meets in the Friendship Classroom after worship. Everyone is invited.



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## Upcoming Activities

- January 15-Church office and Little Ark closed  
January 16-Men's Breakfast Group meets at 8am  
January 17-Little Ark Chapel at 11am  
January 17-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm  
January 17-Choir rehearsal at 7pm  
January 18-Prayer Shawl crafting at 9:30am  
January 18-M&M meets from 3:45-5:30pm  
January 18-Youth meets from 6-7pm

*The Serve team is collecting hats, gloves and socks for our blessing table neighbors. Look for a collection box in the gathering area.*



Ministers  
Pastor  
Office & Communications  
Financial Secretary  
Children/Youth Director  
Children's Music Director  
Little Ark Director  
Choir Director  
Organist  
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Cheryl Murray  
Sharon Duncan  
Mariann Andrews  
Ashlyn Woods  
Meagan Jones  
Jennifer Knight  
Gene Lockhart  
Dr. John Burkett  
Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



## **First United Methodist Church**

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January 14, 2024  
10:00am Sanctuary



### Prayer List

- All who are affected by the war in Israel
- Luanne Huffman, House Fire
- Betty Martin
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack McDaniel
- Mike Smith
- Eliana Rodrigues
- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- Don Daffron
- Bob Clark
- Kerry Clark
- Clarence Jensen
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Vance Underhill
- Glenda Helton
- Joe Milligan
- Rob Lee
- Rita Thompson
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Harrison
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