

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Lord, as we approach your Word we pray:
 Wash us in your wisdom,
 bathe us in your goodness,
 refresh us with your grace,
 by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON— Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible Pages 670-71

†HYMN 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

†THE GOSPEL LESSON— Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible Page 3

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

†REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Pew Hymnal Page 50

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition, the congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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.

OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to register attendance
 by signing the registries found on each pew.*

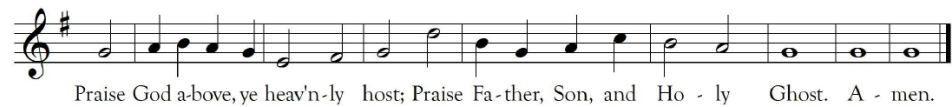
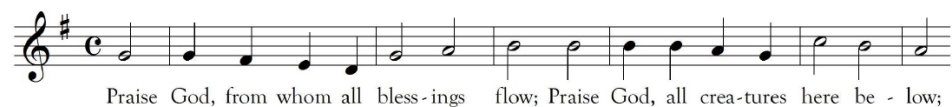
OFFERTORY

Christ is Made a Sure Foundation

*Dale Wood
 (1934-2003)*

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 571

Go, Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A minor

*Johann Caspar Simon
 (1701-1776)*

†The congregation stands.

All are invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and time together.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti
 The Reverend Stacey Lundy
 Mr. Bob Johnsen
 Mrs. Ginger Wyrick

Senior Pastor
 Associate Pastor
 Lector
 Guest Organist

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE
 ALTAR GUILD
 OUTDOOR GREETERS
 DOORSTEP VISITORS
 USHERS

Austin Hedrick
 Nancy Schoch
 Mary Jo & Larry Gouge
 Faye & Ken Hollar
 Donald Hylton, Gerald Dymond,
 Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
 Court Drake & Jim Martin
 Gloria Matthews & JoAnn Smith

SECURITY
 NURSERY

THOSE SERVING JANUARY 19, 2020

ACOLYTE
 ALTAR GUILD
 OUTSIDE GREETERS
 DOORSTEP VISITORS
 USHERS

Jackson Price
 Nancy Schoch
 Mary Jo & Larry Gouge
 Shirley & Tom Disseler
 Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,
 Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
 Frances & Doug Miller
 Linda Bowman & Kerry Kribbs

SECURITY
 NURSERY

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE GREATER
 GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 DR. AND MRS. J.W. ZIMMERMAN, SR. AND DR. J.W. ZIMMERMAN, JR.
 GIVEN BY THEIR FAMILY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at Monterey, 119 N. Link Ave. All are welcome!

The Uwharrie District Local Church Officers Training is today, January 12, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Wesley Chapel UMC (46963 Wesley Chapel Rd. in Misenheimer). Workshops will be offered for Finance, Trustees/Parsonage, and Staff-Parish Relations Committees.

Midweek at First Meal is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm.** Children eat free. This week's menu: *parmesan chicken, new potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, roll, chocolate pie.*

The Rev. Bill Ragsdale will present a program on his book, *The Persistence of Memory: A Faith Interpretation of Art Forms*, on Wednesday, **January 15** following the Midweek@First meal. Rev. Ragsdale will be happy to sign your copy. The book will cost \$8.00.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Sock Hop** will be on **Friday, February 7**. Look for more information in the weeks ahead. Everyone in the church is invited for this fun, intergenerational time of Christian fellowship!

February is that special LOVE month. Come join Methodist Connection, **February 11** at noon. Bring your delicious covered dish. Our program is the acclaimed Dancing Queens and Kings, a local group from Salisbury. This group boasts of 25 members. They will be joining us for the meal. It will be a fun time. Join us!

Visioning Days will happen on **Sunday, February 23** and **Sunday, March 22**, 1:30 – 5:30 pm both days. All church members are encouraged to participate, especially committees and ministry team members. These will be interactive and engaging sessions about the church's future. Please make every effort to attend **both** days.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Interesting in singing with the church choir, even for just one Sunday? Dr. Kenneth Dean, our guest organist for **January 19**, will lead a choir rehearsal on **Saturday, January 18** at 11:00 am. You are invited to come and "make a joyful noise," as the Psalmist wrote.

If you would like to participate in a **Love Offering** for Matthew Michael Brown, you may do so by making your check payable to FUMC and note Matthew Brown, Love Offering in the memo line or church envelope by January 20.

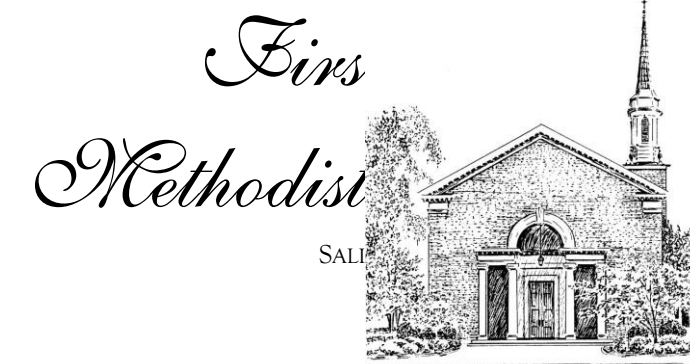
If you would like to dedicate flowers on the altar for **Sunday, February 9, 2020**, please contact Pam Cordts at 704-310-0874 or pcordts@carolina.rr.com.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Year-end numbers will be listed in the bulletin January 19, 2020.

Attendance for January 5, 2020

8:30am 74
 11:00am 184



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 3:30pm Acolyte Training—Sanctuary
 5:30 Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 13

6:00pm Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
 Girl Scouts
 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Scout Room

Tuesday, January 14

10:00am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite
 Methodist Connection—Fellowship Hall
 6:00pm SPRC—B110

Wednesday, January 15

2:00pm Deadline of Bulletin announcements
 5:30 Midweek@FIRST—Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Kids Connection—B101
 The Casting Queens—B110
 7:00 Chancel Choir—Music Suite

Thursday, January 16

Friday, January 17
 7:00 Mission Bridge—B107

Saturday, January 18

10:00 am Children's Ministry Playdate—Nursery

Sunday, January 19

8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 2:00pm Worship Committee—B112
 5:30 Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

FIRST TIME GUESTS are invited to stop at the Welcome Table in the Narthex as you leave to sign our guest register. Thank you for worshipping with us today and please join us again soon.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE. A children's bulletin that parallels the sermon and Pockets Devotional magazine for children are in the bag. This is a wonderful way to share in worship with your child!

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE for all children through age four for our services of worship. Pagers are available for the family worshipping.

COPIES OF THE ECCLESIA, our church newsletter, are available in both entrances to the Sanctuary. If you are a guest today, please take a copy and learn about the many opportunities at First United Methodist Church.

HEARING AID DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE AND NURTURE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES THROUGH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Baptism of the Lord
 January 12, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

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†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
 The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"
 Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

†HYMN 158

Come Christians Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O Lord, You are our light and our salvation.
When our light dims from division and anger, shine upon us with your grace.
When our light fades from confusion and doubt, encourage us with your hope.
When our light recedes behind sin and regret, heal us with your mercy and truth.
We pray that we might be unified and made one with you, one with each other,
and one in ministry to the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

God forgives all our sins
 and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE, *sung by all.*

James MacMillan (Scotland)
 (b. 1959)

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,
 Christ ___ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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