

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON— Psalm 40:1-11

Pew Bible Pages 513-4

†HYMN 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

†THE GOSPEL LESSON— John 1:29-42

Pew Bible Page 92

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

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Imaker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Sonatina (from Cantata: God's Time Is Best)
J.S. Bach

†DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Toccata (Suite: Gothique, Op. 25)

Leon Boellmann

†The congregation stands.

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

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE GREATER
GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EULALIA M. CONRAD
GIVEN BY JOHN CONRAD AND CAROLE & LARRY SCHALL & FAMILY.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti
The Reverend Stacey Lundy
Ms. Quinn Scarvey
Dr. Kenneth Dean

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Lector
Guest Organist

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE Jackson Price
ALTAR GUILD Nancy Schoch
OUTSIDE GREETERS Mary Jo & Larry Gouge
DOORSTEP VISITORS Shirley & Tom Disseler
USHERS Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
SECURITY Frances & Doug Miller
NURSERY Linda Bowman & Kerry Kribbs

THOSE SERVING JANUARY 26, 2020

ACOLYTE Will Webb
ALTAR GUILD Nancy Schoch
OUTSIDE GREETERS Mary Jo & Larry Gouge
DOORSTEP VISITORS Gloria Matthews
USHERS Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond,
Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
SECURITY Henry Buck & Walter Maxwell
NURSERY Beverly Hartsell & Debbie Vaughn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at Romano's, 1510 W. Innes St. All are welcome!

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: Beef Burgundy, rice, peas and mushrooms, fruit salad, & chocolate pie.

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!

Support the intergenerational mission trip this Valentine's Day! You can **order roses** (Dozen, half-dozen or single) for your loved one for pickup the evening of February 13, or participate in the **Parent's Night Out** on February 14 from 6-9pm. Visit fumcsalisbury.org, or find sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The Way of Forgiveness (a Companions in Christ study) will be offered on Wednesday nights beginning February 16 at 6:30pm in the Christian Forum room. This 6-week study for Lent (skipping Ash Wed. for the service) will be led by Lay Servant Sue Park. Books are \$10. Sign up at fumcsalisbury.org.

Ash Wednesday is **February 26.** We will have a service in the sanctuary at **6:15** after the Midweek@First meal, and continue with prayer services each Wednesday in Lent in the Chapel at 6:15.

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

Scouts are **Scouting for Food** for our local food bank. Pick up a bag in the narthex or lobby on January 26th and bring them back on Sunday, February 2.

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.

A training for Lectors will be held on Sunday, **February 9** at **2pm** in the sanctuary. Come if you are a current or interested lector!

Attendance for January 12, 2020

8:30am 61
11:00am 199

FINANCIAL STATUS

YEAR END 12/2019

YTD Income	\$	1,040,610.78
Less YTD Expenses	\$	(939,860.08)
Sub Total	\$	98,750.70
*Withdrawal from Foundation	\$	(75,000.00)
Cash on Hand	\$	23,750.70

*This money was withdrawn from the church endowment funds to help fund the operating budget. Our hope is to pay it back in full when the cash flow improves.

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.

ABOUT THE COUNSELING CENTER

In 2015, the Church began hosting The Counseling Center. This ministry is a satellite office of the Sanctuary Counseling Group (formerly, "Methodist Counseling and Consultation Services"), having provided mental health counseling and pastoral counseling in the greater Charlotte area over 50 years. Garry Cook, MDiv, LCSW, is our church's licensed and trained pastoral counselor. This is a fee-based service, however many insurance policies can cover some of the cost of counseling sessions. Also, limited assistance may be available. To make an appointment with Garry, call at (704) 375-5354, ext. 405.

ALPHA AND OMEGA BANNER

This Ordinary Time banner reminds us that God is Alpha and Omega: the One who holds our beginning, our present, and our end (Rev. 1:8).

The color of Ordinary Time is green, representing growth.

The splendor of creation is on display in the banner. The road winds through; we do not know where it goes, except that God's love spans its entirety.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19
8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
2:00pm Worship Committee—B102
5:30 Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 20
OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day
6:00pm Girl Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts—Scout Room

Tuesday, January 21
10:00am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite
6:00pm Autism Society Meeting—B110 & B104
Trustee Meeting—Harter Office Suite

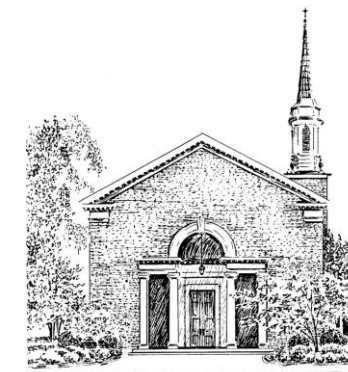
Wednesday, January 22
2:00pm Deadline for Bulletin announcements
5:30 Midweek@FIRST—Fellowship Hall
6:15 Kids Connection—B101
The Casting Queens—B110

Thursday, January 23
7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25
4:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Music Suite

Sunday, January 26
8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave



First United
Methodist Church

SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
ESTABLISHED 1783

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
Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 19, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on the Hyfrydol Tune
arr. K. Dean

†CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Hebrews 4:14a, 16

Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

†HYMN 98

To God Be the Glory

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MINISTRY MOMENT

Garry Cook
The Counseling Center

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

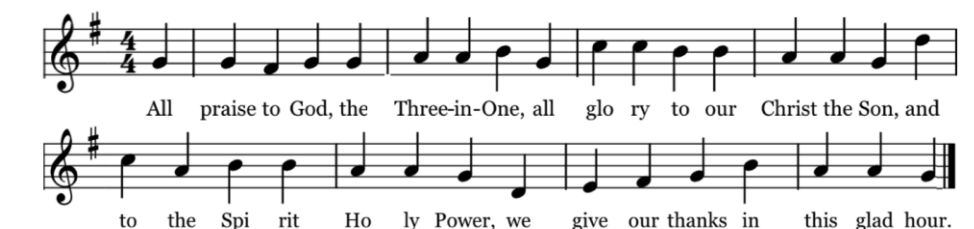
Our heavenly Father, who by your love has made us, and in your love would
make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved you with our
whole heart. We have not loved one another as Christ has loved us. We have not
lived by faith. We have resisted your Spirit. We have neglected your inspirations.
Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in your Spirit direct
what we shall be so that your glory shall be known throughout all creation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsively)

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those
who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our
footing sure upon the rock of Christ.
On Christ, the solid rock, we stand.

SUNG RESPONSE

Ancient Sources



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