

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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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**I**lluminating God, by the power of your Holy Spirit reveal to us through the  
Reading of these words your Word become flesh, living among us full of grace  
and truth. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON—Ephesians 3:1-12

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†HYMN 245

The First Noel

TRAD. ENGLISH CAROL

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 2:1-12

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**T**he Word of God for the people of God.  
**T**hanks be to God!

THE SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This

James Biery  
(b. 1956)

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;  
Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

†THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

**T**he Lord be with you.  
**A**nd also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the spoken Sanctus...*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name  
and join with them saying:

**H**oly, Holy, Holy Lord,  
**H**God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**H**osanna in the highest.  
**B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**H**osanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues...*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

*The Celebrant continues...*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

†THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O**ur 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Allergen free elements are available at the front right station.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 559

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Toccata - Sortie

Auguste Larriu  
(1840-1925)

†Congregation, standing as able.

*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  
Mrs. Ginger Wyrick  
Mrs. Jody Price

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Guest Organist  
Lector

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF EDNA AND RUSSELL EMERSON.  
GIVEN BY THEIR CHILDREN MADELYN E. LONDON AND COLEMAN EMERSON.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

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| ACOLYTE          | Michael Leonard  |
| ALTAR GUILD      | Nancy Schoch   |
| OUTDOOR GREETERS | Mary Jo & Larry Gouge  |
| DOORSTEP VISITOR | Pam Leonard  |
| USHERS           | Donald Hylton, Gerald Dymond,<br>Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch |
| SECURITY         | Gary Price & Bill Shaffer                                      |
| NURSERY          | Jennifer & Brent Seifert                                       |

THOSE SERVING JANUARY 12, 2020

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|------------------|--|
| ACOLYTE          | David Austin   |
| ALTAR GUILD      | Nancy Schoch   |
| OUTDOOR GREETERS | Mary Jo & Larry Gouge  |
| USHERS           | Donald Hylton, Gerald Dymond,<br>Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch |
| SECURITY         | Court Drake & Jim Maratin                                      |
| NURSERY          | Gloria Matthews & JoAnn Smith                                  |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome Mrs. Ginger Wyrick, our guest organist this morning.

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at Longhorn  
Steakhouse, 1371 Klumac Rd. All are welcome!

**Salisbury Youth** (6th-12th grade) returns **tonight**, January 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. All youth are  
invited, even if tonight is their first time or they haven't been able to attend in a while.

**Midweek at First Meal** is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by  
Monday at 5:00 pm (christine@fumcsalisbury.org)**. Please submit your reservation each  
week for that Wednesday. This week's menu: *meatloaf, mac & cheese, turnip greens, slaw, roll,  
coconut pie.*

SAVE THE DATE

The **Rev. Bill Ragsdale** will present a program based on his newly released book, *The  
Persistence of Memory: A Faith Interpretation of Art Forms* at "Midweek@First" on  
Wednesday, **January 15**. Bill will gladly sign copies of his book for you.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, **January 28** at 6:00 pm.

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!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

First United Methodist Church will provide supper Thursday evening, January 9, 2020 and  
breakfast Friday morning, January 10, 2020 to clients at Rowan Helping Ministries. We  
have enough cooks but need volunteers to serve the supper from 6:30-7:30 pm and  
breakfast from 5:00 - 6:45 am. Please consider beginning the New Year by helping in this  
vital ministry. To volunteer contact Taffy Jordan at (H-704-633-4514) or  
taffyjordan@bellsouth.net.

Attendance for December 29, 2019

8:30am 44  
11:00am 219

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 5

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

### Monday, January 6

10:00am Naomi Circle—B107 & Fellowship Hall  
“With these hands” —Fellowship Hall  
6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 422—Fellowship Hall  
Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall  
Hannah Circle—B104  
6:30 Susanna Circle—offsite  
7:00 Boy Scouts—Scout Room

### Tuesday, January 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite  
6:00pm SPRC—B110

### Wednesday, January 8

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

### Thursday, January 9

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast—offsite  
10:00 Rowan Missional Network—B107  
11:00 Endowment Committee—B110  
6:30 pm RHM Supper  
7:00 Alanon—Room B110

### Friday, January 10

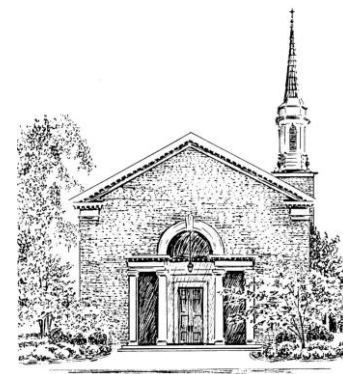
6:00 am RHM Breakfast

### Saturday, January 11

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 am Service of Worship—Nave  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Service of Worship—Nave  
3:30 pm Acolyte Training—B102  
5:30 Club45 & Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

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# 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 WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 5, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

#### GREETING

VOLUNTARY How Brightly Shines the Morning Star *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
BuxWV 223 (c. 1637-1707)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

**A**rise, shine; for your light has come.  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
**Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.**

#### COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH LEADERS (in unison)

**W**e thank you, Lord God, for raising up among us faithful servants for the  
leadership of First United Methodist Church.  
**Grant to them a vision of service;**  
**give them strength for the performance of their duties,**  
**an understanding heart,**  
**and a willingness to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit.**  
**Grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others,**  
**in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### †HYMN 145

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**G**od of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not  
recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here  
and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsively)

**F**riends, hear the good news of your salvation:  
God freely bestows God’s grace on us through Jesus Christ.  
In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the  
riches of the grace that God lavishes on us. So be reconciled to God and one another.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**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.