

Welcome to Worship!

** Please stand as you are able.*

Please silence cell phones and other alarms.

You are invited in these beginning moments of worship to offer prayers, using the prayer cards if desired, and passing them to an usher. Please take a moment to sign in using the gray registration pad found in the pew pocket near the outside aisle, and passing it to your neighbors.

“Nathaniel replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’”

John 1: 49 (NRSV)

PRAISE

PRELUDE *“The Peace of Christ”*

Dan Locklair

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(all reading the bold)*

The people who sit in darkness

Have seen a great light.

Arise, let us leave the gloomy night;

Let us behold the glorious sight.

Make straight, then, the crooked highways;

Exalt the valleys and make low the mountains

Let us celebrate the Light of the World.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2236** *(black hymnal)* *“Gather Us In*

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

***GREETING AND PASSING OF PEACE**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

UNISON PRAYER *(praying together)*

Lord Jesus, in many and diverse ways you have called each of us to follow you, to walk with you, and to speak up for you. We give you thanks that you found a way to get to us, to cut through all of our defenses and reservations, and to call us into your service. One more thing, Lord: give us the gifts we need to be faithful to your call upon our lives. Equip us to participate fully in your ministry. Make us shine as lights to a darkened world. In your name, great light of the world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST BELLS *“This Little Light of Mine”*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Following Time With Our Children, “Live B.I.G.” for ages 4 through early elementary is provided on the secure 2nd floor. Children may be picked up on the 2nd floor (4 yrs.—kindergarten, room 203; 1st & 2nd grades, room 202; 3rd grade, room 209.).

***GOSPEL LESSONS**

This is what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God!

Mark 1: 1-3 (NT, p. 34)

John 1: 43-51 (NT, p. 92)

MESSAGE **“The Healing Light of Christ”**

RESPONSE

HYMN *“The Lord is My Light”*



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion, in



God I trust, in God, I trust. The

A TIME FOR MISSIONS: Foods Resource Bank—Fay Woolrich, Donna Dunyak, Julie Doll and Hannah Turner

OFFERING INVITATION

SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

G. Kendrick/ arr. by M. Hayes

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, fill this land with the Father’s glory. Blaze, Spirit, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

***DOXOLOGY 94** *(red hymnal)* *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(all praying together)*

Sustainer God, your support enables us to provide for ourselves and our families.

Thank you for teaching us through the light of Christ to in turn help support others as we strive to use our gifts and knowledge to do your will. Amen.

***OUR SHARED LIFE**

***CLOSING HYMN 679** *(red hymnal)* *“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”*

***BLESSING**

GOING FORTH *“...and the People respond ‘Amen!’”*

Dan Locklair

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. John Boley

“Healing and the Call to Service”

Mark 1: 14-20

Sunday, January 29

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Julie Kline

“Healing: God’s Liberating Touch”

Mark 1: 21-28

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, January 15

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Hospitality Team - Parlor

4:00 p.m. Martha’s Table - First Congregational Church

4:00 p.m. Notified Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Youth Tribe - Youth Center

6:00 p.m. First Singers Rehearsal - Choir Room

MONDAY, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Patrol - Fellowship Room

TUESDAY, January 17

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning - 305

12:00 p.m. Clergy & Directors Meeting - 305

4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir - Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Advocacy Services - 3rd floor

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Parlor

7:00 p.m. Academy Class Planners - Library

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:30 p.m. Early Music Michigan - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, January 18

7:30 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Fellowship Room

7:30 a.m. New Year’s Fest Planning - Parlor

10:30 a.m. Community for Healing Counseling - 304

1:00 p.m. Julia-Phoebe Circle - Parlor

1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle - Friendship Village

5:30 p.m. Outreach Team - Allen Library

5:45 p.m. Fermata Kalamazoo - Choir Room

7:00 p.m. NA - Fellowship Room

7:00 p.m. Disciple II - 304

THURSDAY, January 19

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

1:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

5:30 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support - Youth Center

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Room

6:30 p.m. NA - Wesley Hall

7:00 p.m. The Way of Blessedness - Chapel

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, January 20

6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner - Wesley Hall

6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Dinner/Sleepover - Wesley

Hall, Theatre

SATURDAY, January 21

9:30 a.m. Church Council Retreat - Parlor

OUR MISSION

We are called to

- Experience God's love
- Celebrate God's love
- Share God's love

OUR VISION

We are a Faith Community

- Alive in Christ
- Open to all
- Growing in faith
- Serving our neighbors
- Active in the world

We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center as you exit the side sanctuary doors so that we may personally welcome you and present a gift of love from First Church. Please register your attendance in the gray pad found in the pew pocket.

Child care is provided on the second floor. There is also a family room in the right balcony.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the side sanctuary doors.

LARGE print Bibles and United Methodist Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center. If you need assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. Please return hearing devices to the Welcome Center following worship.

Today's service is being recorded. You can request a free copy from the office. A basket on the table near the parking lot entrance has previous Sunday recordings on CD. You can also access Sunday worship recordings from our website: <http://www.umc-kzo.org/mp3.asp>.

Worship CDs

Recordings of past Sunday morning services are available in the Perks gathering area. If you would like to be on a mailing list for CD recordings, please contact

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Worship Leaders

Rev. John Boley, Rev. Sandy Elfring, Zola Eidson

Minister of Music

Jacqueline Stilger

Acolytes

Natalie Gross, Elise Warnicke

Ushers

Dan Bunker (head usher), Michael Deaton, Jay Gross, Noah Gross, Lois Miles, Michael Seals, Jim Treece

Greeters

Dottie Hook & Lois West

Welcome Center

Joyce Treece

Van Driver

Drew Bolton

Audio & Lighting

Rich Peavler

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of all the saints, given by Bruce & Do Brown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRB Special Offering. Julie Doll and Hannah Turner will be leaving on a Foods Resource Bank-sponsored trip to Guatemala on February 11. If you would like to help them with their trip expenses, an envelope is included in today's bulletin for your gift. Please make your check out to the church with "FRB" in the memo.

Human Sexuality/Sexual Abuse. Please take a few minutes to look at today's bulletin insert on our United Methodist Social Principle related to Human Sexuality and Sexual Abuse. *Social Principles* are important guidelines on how we United Methodists might want to think related to the most important social issues of our time.

Happy Birthday Pastor Sandy! Today is Sandy's birthday and she celebrated with cake during Perks! She thanks everyone for their prayers in the past year as she recovered from a fall over a year ago. She is thankful she has made full recovery!

Local Housing Assistance Fund. Right now, 900 children and their families don't have a place to call home, and it's only getting worse. Michigan Organizing Project (MOP) is working to secure funding to support The Local Housing Assistance Fund. See Julie Doll or Dan Christian after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services today in the Perks! gathering area to learn how you can support MOP's efforts.

Family Fun Night. On Friday, January 20, families are invited to Family Fun Night with all the families having a sleepover at the church after a yummy spaghetti dinner hosted by the Youth Group. There will be games, movies, night time exploration of the church and breakfast in the morning. Sign up in the Arches (2nd floor) so they can plan meals and activities. Families of all ages are invited and do not have to participate in the sleep over to join in the fun.

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Spaghetti Dinner. All are invited to attend the youth-sponsored spaghetti dinner in Wesley Hall on Friday, January 20 @ 6 p.m. Your free will offering will help benefit the many youth mission programs this year.

Youth Missions Fellowship Lunch Jan. 22. Come support our youth and join us for a toasted cheese sandwich and hot soup lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in Wesley Hall on Sunday, January 22. This is one of several planned lunches the youth are sponsoring in support of youth missions. Free will offering.

MLK, Jr. Celebration. All are invited to participate in the celebration on Sunday, January 22 @ 4 p.m. at Chenery Auditorium. Rev. Dr. Otha Gilyard from Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio is the guest speaker. NOTE: They are looking for singers up to 25 years old to participate in the young adult choir. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the hall for rehearsal times if interested.

2012 Altar Flowers. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the Sunday of your choice if you wish to honor a loved one or commemorate a special blessing with altar flowers. Cost is still \$40. Please include your phone number next to your name so Kristy Lepley can contact you for details.

Sunday Volunteers. We are in need of greeters, lay liturgists and Welcome Center hosts in the coming weeks. Please take a moment to sign up on the volunteer grid at the Welcome Center if you can help.

ASP. If you are interested in going on the ASP trip this summer (June 23-30), please submit a check for \$100 made out to the church (memo: ASP) before February 19. ASP trips are open to ages 14+. We are committed to taking a max. of 42 volunteers this year, so respond soon!

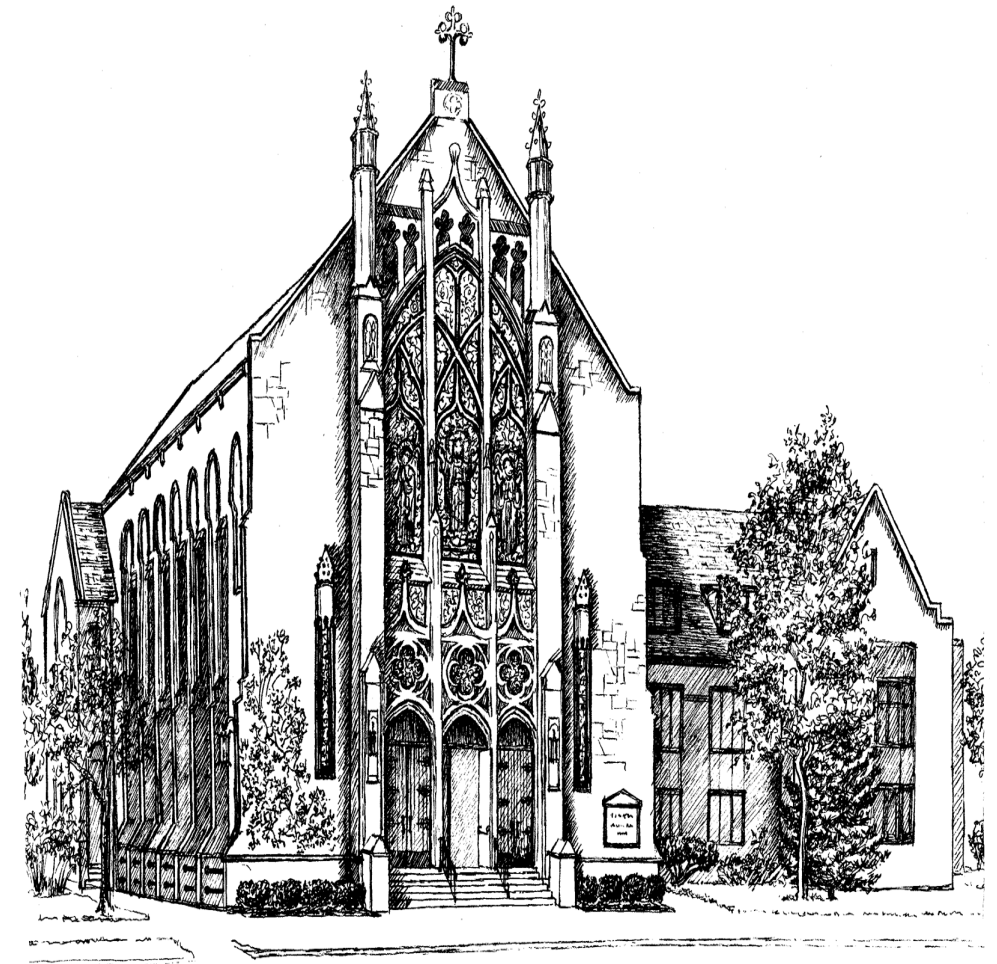


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

January 15, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Experience, Celebrate and Share God's love



We are a Reconciling Congregation.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity. We welcome all with

open hearts, open minds, open doors.