



CHILDREN

Ages 0-Age 5

SUNDAYS

NURSERY | 9am-12pm | Newborn - 5yrs | Main Floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10am | Ages 0-4: Main Floor | Grades K-5: Third Floor

WEDNESDAYS

CHILDRENS CHOIR | 6pm-6:45pm | Third Floor | Ages 4-11

CONTACT | Director of Children's Ministries
 Lisa Cavallucci | lisa@fumcmorristown.org



YOUTH

Grades 6-12

SUNDAYS

RIOT | 10am | Grades 6-12 | Youth City
REVELATION YOUTH CHOIR | 5pm | Choir Room

WEDNESDAYS

RALLY | 6pm | Youth City

CONTACT | Youth Director
 Lori Hotel | youth@fumcmorristown.org



ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | Sundays (year around) | 10am
 Please scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin to explore which class is right for you!

CONTACT | Sunday School Coordinators
 Mike & Sandy Pittman | mspitt@charter.net

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For more information about activities/events or calendar items, please go to the Church Center app. If you need assistance operating the app, see Lisa Cavallucci or Ben Stapleton. They are happy to assist you. You may also pick up an FUMC calendar of events in the narthex or gym.



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GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Ecumenical Advent Service | 6pm | First Presbyterian Church
 FUMC will join with friends from First Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal, and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches for a special advent service.

Love Feast | December 14 | 6pm | Sanctuary and Gym
 Revelation Youth Choir and Carillonoures Handbell Choir lead in this service of scripture, carols, candlelight, cinnamon rolls and hot beverages.

Old Fashioned Christmas | 5pm meal | 6pm program | Gym
 Pasta bar, Christmas cookie contest, Children's Choir, Fun singalong and craft.

Chancel Choir Lessons and Carols Service | December 21
9am and 11am | Sanctuary
 Festive and tender anthems with choir, organ, brass quartet, and more.



GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

United Women in Faith
 Ruth Circle | Monday | December 8 | 12pm | Cheddar's
 Deborah Circle | Tuesday | December 9 | 5pm | Room 207

Joyful Hearts | Thursday | December 11 | 11am
 The Fuzion Junior Dance Company will perform. Robin Carpenter will sing and lead a Christmas sing along. \$10 Lunch. Sign up in the Church office or on the Church Center app by Monday, December 8 at 12pm.



GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Fence Ministry | Wednesdays | 6pm
 NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED AT THIS TIME! We do need more people to flatten, cut, loop, and roll plastic bags into plarn (plastic yarn). No skill required and fun guaranteed! We will provide the mats that we make to homeless ministries in our area.

Food Pantry | Mondays and Wednesdays | 10am-1pm
 Spread the word about our church food pantry and email Denise Aludo at denise.aludo1@gmail.com to volunteer.

Food Drive and Baby Formula Collection
 Food Pantry:
 Current needs (cans with pop-tops preferred)
 Tuna (*pouches*), Vienna Sausages, Chicken Breast, Chicken Chunks (*pouch*), Sardines, Instant Oatmeal (*packets*), Canned Soup, Ramen noodles, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Powdered Milk, Pudding or Jello (*ready-to-eat*), Canned Veggies, Spaghetti O's, Bagged Rice and Beans
Individual Packs
 Cookies, Peanuts, Crackers, Breakfast Bars
 Formula: Similac Advance and Similac Soy Isomil formulas

WELCOME TO

First United Methodist Church

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December 7, 2025

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.



GATHER



GROW



GO

WELCOME to First **United Methodist Church** (FUMC). As we enter this season of watching, waiting, and longing for Christ's coming, we're grateful you've chosen to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign the red attendance pad and share whatever information you're comfortable with. If you need assistance at any point, our ushers, pastor, and staff team are close by and happy to help ; just wave us down. We hope you'll continue to journey with us through Advent as we gather in hope, grow in joy, and go to share Christ's light with the world.



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2. AIM IT AT THE QR CODE
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WORSHIP
2nd Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

December 7, 2025

9:00am

Please remember to silence cell phones.
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired
are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying arr. by David Polley
(text on UMH 720)

Choral Introit Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

***Hymn** UMH 203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELLACOMBE

***Lighting the Advent Wreath** Jeff and Cindy Davis

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE to remind us that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts, and we seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness. We gather today to be reminded that Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Candle is lit

Sing Response as directed

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
ev - er more and ev - er - more Em - man - u - el.

Let Us pray:
Gracious God,
Give us PEACE as a steady companion on our journey.
May PEACE help us to take one step at a time, forward into the future
you create with us. We remember that Christ is the Prince of PEACE
who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness, PEACE
is spread throughout the world.

Amen.

Sing Response as directed

***Passing of the Peace**

Anthem Carol of Remembrance Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

To a tiny stable lowly, long time ago
came the son of God most holy, long time ago.
Angels filled the night with singing, stars were aglow,
To a tiny stable lowly, God's love to show,
Came the Son of God most holy, long time ago.

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Asa

Lord's Prayer

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.

***Prayer for Illumination** Shirley Brooks

**Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

***Hymn** UMH 213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon God With Us: Do Not Be Afraid Pastor Dennie

Prayer of Response

God, your ways are not our ways. You are not limited by what is possible, for with you all things are possible. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us, no matter what we're up against. We ask for your grace to help us walk in confidence and boldness today. We boldly declare that we will not let fear or intimidation stop us from being obedient. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying J. S. Bach

***Doxology** W ZLOBIE LEZY

Glo-ry be to God the Fath-er, Glo-ry be to Christ the Son, Glo-ry to the Ho-ly
Spir-it Glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you glad-ly all the
gifts that you im-part, as we glo-ry in your presence, giv-ing from a grate-ful heart.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** UMH 218 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Give Him My Heart Darke

***Postlude** Improvisation
(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Phyllis Hime in memory of Max Hime and Violet Snyder's birthdays.

DECEMBER USHERS John Cranford, captain; George Bryan, Steve Combs, Bill Compton, and Stan Johnson

ACOLYTE Bronson Galbreath
CRUCIFER Emory Galbreath

MUSIC NOTES

Carol of Remembrance
Words: J. Paul Williams
Music: Joseph Martin
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Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Offering this year will go to our Community Fund which goes to help those in our community that need assistance through the year. Use the Christmas offering envelope in the pews to contribute.

POINSETTIA ORDERS 2025

We are taking orders for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary and gym December 15th, 22nd, and 24th, for a cost of \$15 each. To order, fill out the form below and return to the church office with your payment or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Make checks out to "FUMC" and mark them "Poinsettias." Quantities are limited so order soon. Plants may be picked up after the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. If you need further information, please call the church office at 581-2180. Orders received by Dec. 10th will be listed in the bulletin on Dec. 15th

by: _____
(check one) [] In Memory of [] In Honor of [] Gift