

For Everyone:

If you would be interested in participating in one or more of the following, please check the offering plate or place it in the wicker basket as you leave worship. We will contact you with follow-up information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ “You have gifts, and we are incomplete  
“You have gifts, and we are incomplete without them.”

☐ “How can we help you make that passion into a ministry?” Contact me.

☐ Help register ESL students spring of 2024 on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.  
5:40-6:20 PM. Send me link.

☐ I would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve. \$30. Fourteen flowers available.

☐ Occasionally lock up the church at 8:05 PM on Tuesday or Thursday evening for ESL starting Jan 16, 2024.

**Sunday, December 10**

9:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:15AM Adult Sunday School  
11:00AM The Journey  
New Life Center  
Jennifer Epperson

**Tuesday, December 12**

Community Blood Drive at Fitzgibbon  
5:45 Administrative Council Mtg.

**Sunday, December 17**

9:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
Keith Reception  
10:15AM Adult Sunday School  
11:00AM The Journey  
New Life Center  
Jennifer Epperson

**Sunday, December 24**

10:00AM Week 4 of Advent Service  
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

**December Memory Verse:**

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...” Isaiah 9:6

**11:00 AM Service**

The 11:00 AM Worship Service’s last day will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. At its peak it was averaging near 50 but we have seen a consistent decline, and it is felt that it would be best to take a break and reimagine what we could do to attract new people.



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Rev. Keith Vessell @ Pastor Liz Lindley

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December 10, 2023

**United Methodist Rules of Life**

Do No Harm ♦ Do Good ♦ Love God

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December 10, 2023 9:30 a.m. Worship

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome Rev. Keith Vessell

Prelude “Lo How a Rose E’re Blooming” By Jane Huff

Praise

- Advent Candle Lighting – Gaskell Family
- Choir
- Congregational Response
- Lighting
- Congregational Singing

†Opening Hymn Pg. 218 vs 1,4 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

ENTERING THE STORY

Children’s Time

Chancel Choir: “Still is the Night”

†Scripture Reading: Johsua 2:12-21 Myra Switala  
Sermon: “The Greatest Gift” Rev. Keith Vessell

CALL TO ACTION

Opportunities

Offering Jane Huff  
(Text-to-Give is available)

†Doxology Pg. 95

†Hymn Pg. # 234 vs 1,3 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Benediction

Postlude “In The Bleak Midwinter” by Jane Huff

At the † symbol, you are invited to stand if able.

| Participating in Today's Service                              |  |                        |  |
|---|--|------------------------|--|
| Song Leader.....Chandra Keuhn                                 |  | Pianist.....Pam Riggs  |  |
| Acolyte.....Kay Wettlaufer                                    |  | Organist.....Jane Huff |  |
| Greeters..... Tammy Wilson and Zander Arnold                  |  |                        |  |
| Ushers.....Darrell Ahrens, Walt Swier, Anthony and Peggy Eddy |  |                        |  |
| Chancel Choir Director.....Pam Riggs                          |  |                        |  |

Christmas Eve Services  
10:00AM Week 4 of Advent  
5:30PM Christmas Eve  
\*Office Closed December 25 & 26



December 29 1-5PM in the NLC  
Or  
Community Blood Drive at Fitzgibbons on 12/12

We would love to connect with you and let you know about the fabulous things happening at First UMC.

If you would like to be contacted, please provide the information if we do not already have it, below and we will get in touch with you.

Just tear off the perforated piece and either place it in the offering plate or place it in the wicker basket as you leave worship. (We promise not to nag you with multiple communications).

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

And/or Phone:\_\_\_\_\_



**For All: Prayer Request**  
Please place your prayer in the prayer bowl at the welcome table.

Name of Person/Family:\_\_\_\_\_

Permission of Person to be on the Prayer list: \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No

If they would like to be contacted by the Pastor, please give contact information:

*\*This service is livestreamed and recorded for YouTube. Please be aware that children taking part in the Children’s Sermon become part of the recorded service.*

Welcome Guests: