

**Thank you for being a  
part of worship this morning!**

*This service is broadcast live on KAKE TV, Facebook, and YouTube. By worshipping with us today you are a participant in this outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church*

**Prelude** **YJ Lee**  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - *Robert Lau*

**Introit** **Chancel Choir**  
“Advent Celebration” - *Jon Paige*

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace**  
**Larry & Heather Baker**

**Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 211, Vs. 1, 2, 5, 6**  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Prayer of Intercession and Lord’s Prayer** **David Brant**

**Prayer Hymn, UMH No. 196, Vs. 1**  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Scripture Reading** **Pastor Jeff Graber**  
**John 14:25-29**

**Sermon** **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**  
“Almost Christmas”

**Response to the Word, UMH No. 196, Vs. 2**  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Introduction to Offering** **Eileen Hawkins**

**Offertory** **Chancel Choir**  
“Advent Prayer” - *Patrick Liebergen*

**Advent Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**  
Sung Responses, TFWS No. 2257

**Special Music** **Handbell Choir**  
“Savior of the Nations, Come” with  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - *arr. Brenda E. Austin*

**Hymn of Response, W&S No. 3170**  
“What Feast of Love”

**Benediction** **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**

**Choral Benediction** **Chancel Choir**  
“Beautiful Savior” - *arr. Tom Fettke*

**Postlude** **YJ Lee**  
“Toccata from SUITE GOTHIQUE, op. 25” - *Leon Boellmann*

**Welcoming Statement**

*First United Methodist Church will live out the love of Jesus Christ by including everyone, accepting others for who they are, treating others the way we would want to be treated, respecting all, loving all, and affirming the full participation of all regardless of nationality, race, class, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, and age.*

**Upcoming Events**

**Wichita Choral Society Concert**  
**December 1 | 2 p.m. | Sanctuary**  
Tickets, \$15, available at the door

**First Under 40**  
**December 7 | 4 p.m. | Norton’s** (125 S. St. Francis)  
Inviting our under 40 crowd out for drinks, devotion and a darn good time!

**Family Ministry/RNC Christmas Party**  
**December 18 | 6:00 p.m.**  
We will gather for dinner at 6 p.m. and then attend the Forum’s performance of “White Christmas”.  
Contact Pastor Jeff for more info.,  
[jeffg@firstwichita.org](mailto:jeffg@firstwichita.org).

**Blue Christmas**  
**December 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**  
A worship experience to acknowledge grief with hope for healing.

**Thank you to Marty Gasser for creating our beautiful new Advent stand.**

**Life. Downtown.**  
**Connected | Authentic | Historic | Faithful**

*UMH—United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS—The Faith We Sing  
W&S—Worship and Song*

Registration of Attendance (12/01)

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Name (please print clearly)

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Address

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City State Zip

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Telephone

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*I would like to receive weekly email news from the church*

**Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ First Time Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ Return Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attender

\_\_\_\_\_ Church Member

*First time guests:*

What brought you to First Church:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(please bring card to desk outside the Sanctuary following service for a welcome gift)*

***I would like more information:***

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School

\_\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_\_ Children Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Missions

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Groups

*Please fill out both sides and detach and place in the offering plate.*

## Prayer Requests

### Nursery | Room 204B

**Sundays: 9:30-Noon**

We provide a welcoming and safe nursery for infants and toddlers each Sunday morning. Located in Room 204B, the nursery provides a nurturing environment where little ones can enjoy age-appropriate activities and play. Parents can feel assured their children are in good hands while they participate in the life of the church.

### Children's Play Area (Left section of Sanctuary)

We love having children in worship! Families with children are invited to enjoy our play area in the Sanctuary during worship. The designated space provides age-appropriate toys and activities to help keep children entertained and engaged while also participating in worship with their parents.

### Connect Class

We hope you are enjoying being a part of First Church! If you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, we invite you to sign-up for our next Connect class beginning January 19, 2025. This class offers an opportunity to learn more about our church's mission, values, and beliefs, and the various ways you can get connected.

### Worship Music

Music is an important part of worship life at First Church! If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to use your musical gifts and talents, contact Don Gray, [donalddg@firstwichita.org](mailto:donalddg@firstwichita.org).

### Religious Nurture Center | 100D

**Sundays: 9 a.m.-Noon & Wednesdays: 6-8 p.m.**

An active and vital ministry created for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities of any faith tradition, the RNC offers opportunities for fellowship and activities in a Christ-based atmosphere. For more information, contact Matthew Schrock, 316-207-2244, [matts@firstwichita.org](mailto:matts@firstwichita.org).

### Sanctuary Symbolism

Would you like to learn more about the symbolism in our Sanctuary? Learn more by scanning this QR Code!

