Thank you for being a part of worship this Christmas Eve!

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| Prelude "Awa | YJ Lee (4:00 p.m.) Iy in a Manger" - <i>arr. Diane Bish</i> |
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| Introit (11:00 p.m.) | Chancel Choir Adoration" - Tom Fettke |
| Hymn of Praise, UMH | No. 234, Vs. 1, 2, 3, and 6 "O Come All Ye Faithful" |
| Lighting the Christ Candle | e |
| A Time for Children (4 | :00 p.m.) Pastor Jeff Graber |
| Prayer Hymn, UMH No. | . 238, Vs. 1, 2 "Angels We Have Heard on High" |
| Prayer of Intercession | and Lord's Prayer |
| Prayer Response, UMH | No. 238, Vs. 3, 4 "Angels We Have Heard on High" |
| Scripture Reading | Pastor Jeff Graber Luke 2:1-20 |
| Anthem (11:00 p.m.) | Chancel Choir "Angels' Carol" - <i>John Rutter</i> |
| Sermon "Alto | Rev. Amy Lippoldt gether Christmas" |
| Response to the Word | , UMH No. 229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" |
| Offertory | "O Holy Night" - Adolph Adam |
| Doxology | |
| Holy Communion | |
| Passing of the Light, UN | IH No. 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" |
| Benediction | Rev. Amy Lippoldt |
| Postlude "Joy | YJ Lee to the World" <i>- arr. Gilbert Martin</i> |

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

First Under 40 January 4 | 4:00 p.m. | Norton's Brewing Co.

If you know someone under 40, encourage them to join us for drinks, devotion and a darn good time, the first Saturday of each month!

Celebration of Ministries January 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Meredith Hall

Join for this celebration of 2024 and a look at what is yet to come in the new year!

Connect Class

Begins January 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Library (302B) This 6-week class, taught by Rev. Amy Lippoldt is for anyone new-ish to First Church! Let us know you would like to participate by contacting the receptionist at the A/B entrance.

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Worship Participants

Candle Lighters 4:00 p.m.: Sam Jones, Delaine Hartman, Nonie Hollowell 11:00 p.m.: Robert, Rachel, Alex and David Prine

> Pastoral Prayers 4:00 p.m.: Dr. Dan Lord 11:00 p.m.: Pastor Jeff Graber

String Quartet (11:00 p.m.) Cindy D. Watson, Violin, Janine Youssef, Violin, Camille Burrow, Cello, Jane Burrow-Branine, Cello

Offertory 4:00 p.m.: Parker Tauer 11:00 p.m.: Christina Swedberg, Jan Carduff, Lisa Cookson, Parker Tauer, Ryan Teer

| Registration of Attendance (12/24) |
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| Name (please print clearly) |
| Address |
| City State Zip |
| Telephone |
| E-mail |
| 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 |

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

- _____Youth Activities
- _____ Membership
- _____Small Groups

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, donaldg@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, <u>matts@firstwichita.org</u>.

Sanctuary Symbolism

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

