

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**
“Es ist ein Ros entsprungen” - *Johannes Brahms*

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

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love
Kent, Sara, Jenna & Seth Hayhurst

Hymn of Praise, W&S No. 3059 **“Love Has Come”**

Prayer of Intercession and Lord’s Prayer
Rev. Evelyn Fisher

Prayer Response, UMH No. 204 **“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

Offertory **Camille Burrow, Cello; YJ Lee, Piano**
“Fantasia on GREENSLEEVES” - *arr Watson Forbes*

Advent Doxology

Scripture Reading **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**
1 John 4:11-21

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

Choir Cantata **Chancel Choir**
Camille Burrow, Cello; YJ Lee, Piano
Pastor Jeff Graber & Dr. Dan Lord, Narrators

“God’s Gift of Love”

“A Prayer for Advent” - *D. Nolan*

“Visit Us, Emmanuel” - *P. Choplin*

“This Holy Night” - *M. McDonald*

“How Could the Shepherds Know?” - *B. Nix*

“Arise and Shine! Your Light Has Come!” - *J. Martin*

Benediction **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**

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

Postlude **YJ Lee**
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” - *Gilbert Martin*

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

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.

Blue Christmas

December 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

A worship experience to acknowledge grief with hope for healing.

Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight, Communion & Carols

December 24 | 4:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
First Church Sanctuary

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

Registration of Attendance (12/15)

Name (please print clearly)

Address

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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

_____ Youth Activities

_____ Membership

_____ Small Groups

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