Thank you for being a part of worship this morning!

This service is broadcast live on KAKETV, Facebook, and YouTube. By worshiping 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 Havhurst

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"

Camille Burrow, Cello; YJ Lee, Piano Offertory "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 lesus 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 Candleliaht, 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 City State Zip Telephone Please fill out both sides and detach and place in the offering plate. 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 quests: 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

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 designate 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.mNoon & 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.				
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