

## 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**

“Noel X” - *Louis Claude Daquin*

**Introit** **Chancel Choir**

“Advent Celebration” - *Jon Paige*

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy**  
Parker Tauer, Sarah Tauer, Michele Murray

**Hymn of Praise** **“How Great Our Joy”**

**A Time for Children** **Shelley Davis**

**Prayer Hymn, UMH No. 230, Vs. 1**  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Prayer of Intercession and Lord’s Prayer**  
Pastor Jeff Graber

**Prayer Hymn Response, UMH No. 230, Vs. 3**  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Scripture Reading** **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**  
Isaiah 35:1-10

**Anthem** **Chancel Choir**  
“Alleluia for Advent - *David Lantz III*

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

**Response to the Word, UMH No. 230, Vs. 4**  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Introduction to Offering** **Matt Schrock**

**Offertory** **Swedberg Quartet**  
“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” - *arr Mark Hayes*

**Advent Doxology**

**Hymn of Response, UMH No. 246** **“Joy to the World”**

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

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

**Postlude** **YJ Lee**  
“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella” - *Keith Chapman*

## 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

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Candlelight, Communion & Carols**  
**December 24 | 4:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.**  
**First Church Sanctuary**

**First Under 40**  
**January 4 | 4:00 p.m. | Norton’s Brewing**  
**Co., 125 S. St. Francis**  
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!

**Scholarship Applications**  
**Due January 17 at Noon**  
Applications are available at the AB Desk or on [firstwichita.org/scholarships](http://firstwichita.org/scholarships)  
Contact Donna Fisher with questions.

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

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

## Registration of Attendance (12/22)

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Name (please print clearly)

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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Telephone

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E-mail

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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!

