

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**
“Nun komm, der Heiden Helland” BWV 659 - J. S. Bach

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

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Larry, Crystal & Philip Dodge

Hymn of Praise, W&S No. 3047
“God Almighty, We Are Waiting”

A Time for Children **Amy Remington**

Reception of New Members

Prayer Hymn, W&S No. 3048, Vs. 1
“View the Present through the Promise”

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

Prayer Hymn Response, W&S No. 3048, Vs. 2
“View the Present through the Promise”

Scripture Reading **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**
Luke 1:46-55

Anthem **Chancel Choir**
“Waiting for a King”- Joseph Martin

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

Response to the Word, W&S No. 3048, Vs. 3
“View the Present through the Promise”

Introduction to Offering **Tammy Bigelow**

Offertory **Jan Carduff, Becky Maholland, Lisa Cookson,
Parker Tauer & Ryan Teer**
“Come! Emmanuel!” - Pepper Choplin

Advent Doxology

Hymn of Response, UMH No. 202 **“People, Look East”**

Benediction **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**

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

Postlude **YJ Lee**
“Fugue in F major” BWV 540 - J. S. Bach

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”. Sign up at the information desk. Contact Pastor Jeff for more information, 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 (12/08)

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

_____ 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, 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, matts@firstwichita.org.

**Sanctuary
Symbolism**

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

