

Thank you for being a part of worship this morning!

This service is broadcast live on KAKE TV, Facebook, and YouTube. By worshiping with us today you are a participant in this outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church

Prelude **YJ Lee**

“In dulci jubilo” BWV 729 - J. S. Bach

Introit **Chancel Choir**

“Adoration” - Tom Fettke

Call to Worship **Don Gray**

Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 245, Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
“The First Noel”

Prayer of Intercession and Lord’s Prayer
Pastor Jeff Graber

Prayer Hymn Response, UMH No. 219, Vs. 1
“What Child Is This?”

Scripture Reading **Don Gray**
Genesis 16:7-17

Sermon **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**
“Together: Finding Belonging ”

Response to the Word, UMH No. 219, Vs. 2
“What Child is This?”

Introduction to Offering **Lark Anton**

Offertory **Chancel Choir**
“This Do In Remembrance of Me” - Judy Hunnicutt

Doxology, UMH No. 94

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion
Sung Responses, TFWS No. 2257

Special Music **Handbell Choir**
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - arr. Terry Osman

Hymn of Response, UMH No. 249, Vs. 1, 3, 4
“There’s a Song in the Air”

Benediction **Rev. Amy Lippoldt**

Choral Benediction **Chancel Choir**
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” - Peter Lutkin

Postlude **YJ Lee**
“Joy to the World” - arr. Don Hustad

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

Celebration of Ministries

January 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Meredith Hall

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

Connect Class

Begins January 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Library (302B)

Are you new or looking for a place to connect? This 6-week class, taught by Rev. Amy Lippoldt is for anyone ready to find community at First Church! Let us know you would like to participate by contacting the receptionist at the A/B entrance.

Socks Needed

As we continue to engage with our unhoused neighbors through our Small Talk ministry each Sunday, we are in need of additional socks! Please bring to the church this January. If you have interest in volunteering with this ministry, sign up at the AB Desk.

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

Registration of Attendance (01/05)

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, 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.

Sanctuary Symbolism

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

