



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 24, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome to worship! May you encounter the living Lord as you worship with us this morning. We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds. May God, through the Holy Spirit, make his presence known to us and guide us in our longings.

Serving in Worship Today -

Pastor: Rev. Michael Rexroad

Worship Leader: Bob Lohr

Acolytes:

Director of Music Ministries: Vicky Bradley

Ushers: Danny McNamara (Captain), David Graham, Terry Wells, Will Stafford, and Tony Venri

Tech Team: Larry Cook, Rick Dooley, Randy Lester, and Kaitlyn Artrip

Worship Nursery: Lizbeth Kephart & Tammy Hill

Pre-School Church: Sherrie Price and Brandon Roland

Altar Stewards: LydiaBeth Dumapit

Keeper of the Pews: Marcia Anderson

Minister of Visitation: Vicki Horton

Children and Youth Ministries Director: Brandon Roland

Did You Know?

- **Hearing Assistance** is available. Please see an usher for more details.
- **Restrooms** are located just outside the front right door of the sanctuary.
For safety reasons, please escort children to the restroom.
- **Children** are always welcome in the sanctuary. Children's worship activity bags are located on the tables in the rear of the Sanctuary. Ages 3-6 bags are on the left. Ages 7-12 bags are on the right. During worship, we also staff the following ministries for children:
- **Nursery** for children up through age 3. Find the nursery by going through the door at the front right of the sanctuary and turning left in the hallway. Pagers are available.
- **Pre-School Church** for ages 3 through Kindergarten. The children will go to Pre-School Church following the Children's Message. They can be picked up at the conclusion of our worship experience on the second floor of the main building.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness and sympathies extended to our family upon the death of our loved one Nathan Elmore. Thank you to the bereavement committee for the food trays. Thank you to Rev. Rexroad for his kind and comforting words at the graveside service. Nathan loved First United Methodist Church and his Many friends there. He was a member for over 60 years and attended faithful. Again, many thanks.

The Family of Nathan Elmore

Celebration in Praise

Greeting	Bob Lohr
Announcements	Rev. Michael Rexroad
Prelude & Procession	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i> Nathan Arnold
Call to Worship	Bob Lohr
†Invocation	Bob Lohr
†Lighting of the Advent Candle	John and Janet Painter
†Congregational Song of Praise	<i>“In the Bleak Midwinter”</i> UMH 221
†Pass the Peace	<i>“Waiting on the Christ Child”</i> Steve Comer
Offering/Offertory	<i>“Mary, Did you Know?”</i> Martha Lohr, soloist
†Doxology	<i>“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>
†Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering	Rev. Michael Rexroad
Anthem	<i>“Joy in the Morning”</i> Pepper Choplin
Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Michael Rexroad
Children’s Moment	Bob Lohr
†Hymn of Preparation	<i>“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”</i> UMH #206
Scripture Reading	<i>Luke 1:47-55 (NIV)</i>
Sermon	<i>“To Be Like Jesus”</i>
Baptism and Confirmation of Faith	Rev. Michael Rexroad
†Hymn of Response	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i> UMH #240
†Benediction	Rev. Michael Rexroad
Closing Voluntary	<i>“Hallelujah Chorus”</i> arr. George F. Handel

†Denotes moments in worship where we invite you to stand as you are able.

Prayer List

If you would like a name to appear in this prayer list, please contact the church office [304.425.2283 or fumeprinceton@gmail.com] with the information. After three (3) weeks, requests will be removed unless the church office is notified.

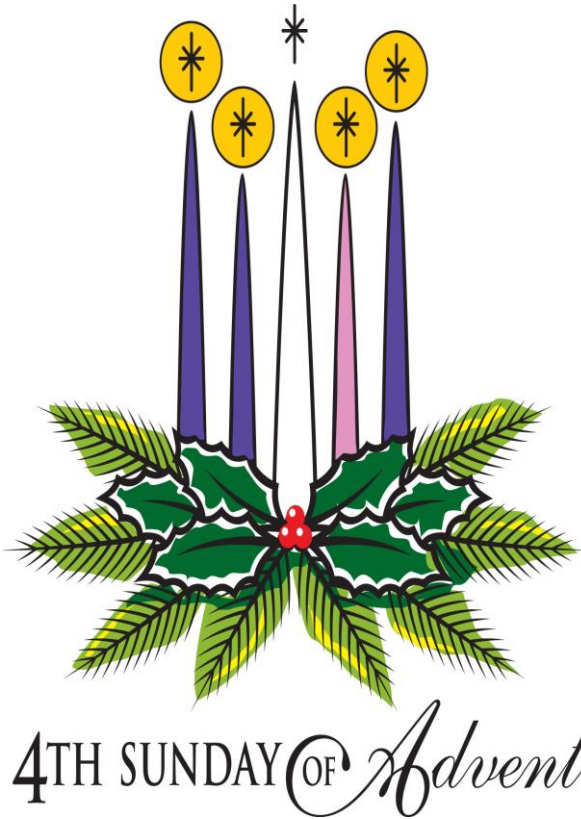
Church Family		
Joshua Beachler	Ellen Knight	Sarah Russell
Sara Belcher	Keri McGuire	Sandy Veneri
Shelley Cline	Timothy Merritt	Robert Vest
Mary Helen Coulter	Sabrina Mick	Terri Vest
Samantha Craig	Nancy Moore	Children's Ministry
Lee Elmore	Gail Rector	FHC Ministry
Debbie Gillespie	Lucille Reynolds	Upward Ministry
Nancy Jones	Rev. Harold Russell	Youth Ministry
Friends of Church Family		
Shawn Allen	Judy Fast	Mary & Jerry Noel
Jeff Baldwin	Cassey Helmandollar	Alexis Padgett
Tina Burgess	Jay Kincaid	John Terry
Tashauna Condrey	Evan McKinney (Cathy & Jerry Linkous's Nephew)	Stuart and Kathy Wallace
State/Nation		
All Local, State, & National Leaders	Military Personnel, First Responders & Law Enforcement	
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball	Southern District Superintendent Chip Bennett	
World		
Christian Believers in Bangladesh	Dr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Florence Mefor	
Refugees around the world	Mutambara Mission Hospital	
UMC General Conference 2024	Ukraine / Russian War/Israel	

Upcoming Program Events and Meetings

- TODAY: Pre-School Church & Nursery
FUMC Library Closed
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6 PM
No children or youth classes until 2024. You will be notified when they will start back.
- Monday: Merry Christmas
- Tuesday: Church Office Closed
- WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study, 6 PM
- FRIDAY: Small Group Morning Advent Study, 9:30 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In the Life of the Church during the
Week of December 24, 2023



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Are you interested in watching Sunday Worship online, or maybe viewing a previous sermon? Check out our church



website to access information and stay connected: princetonfumc.org

If you are live streaming the Sunday service, let us know you are watching by filling out the Connect Card. It enables us to keep accurate attendance records. Whether you are traveling, or unable to attend in person, the "Give" link on the website allows you to securely contribute online at your convenience. Online contributions are another way to give and enable church ministries to thrive. The *Connect Card* and *Give* links can be found at the top of the homepage, along with additional information.

Our online giving provider, *Tithe.ly*, offers a free mobile giving app available for iOS and Android devices. You can download the app by going to the App Store on your mobile device and searching *Tithe.ly*.

Simply download the app and create an account. Once your account has been created, you will need to select the church to receive the gift by searching for Princeton First United Methodist Church in the *Find a Church* search bar. Then, click "Give Now" and put in your payment information and gift amount. You will have the option to store your information (if you so choose) to speed up the process for future mobile-giving transactions.

THE COMING WEEK...

Today, December 24, 2023

- Pre-School Church & Nursery
- FUMC Library Closed
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6 PM
- No children or youth classes until 2024. You will be notified when they will start back.

Monday, December 25

- Merry Christmas

Tuesday, December 26

- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

- Adult Bible Study, 6 PM

Friday, December 29, 2023

- Small Group Morning Advent Study, Sherrie Price's House at 9:30 AM

FMC Library



The FMC Library will be closed December 24th, and 31st.

Advent Small Group Study, 9:30 AM
At the home of Sherrie Price
December 29, 2023



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th, 6 PM



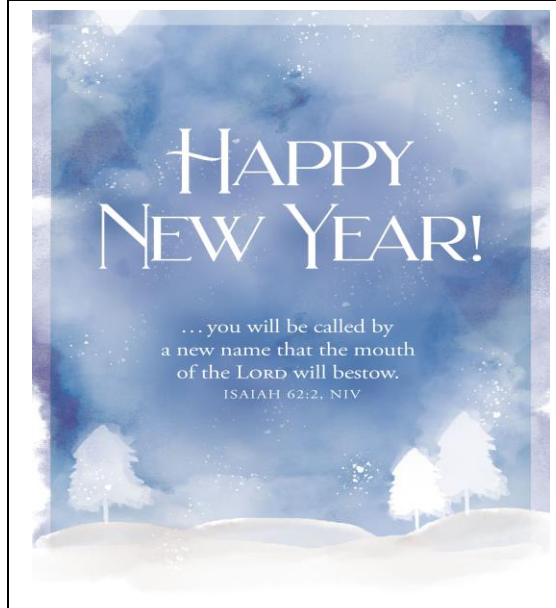
Game Night-Schell Hall,

January 24th, 6PM



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS / EVENTS

- 12/31 Church Library Closed
- 1/1 Happy New Year – Church Office Closed
- 1/2 Game Night-Schell Hall, 6PM
- 1/10 Upward Basket Ball 1st Game



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following classes are offered for all ages, 9:30 AM - 10:35 AM, every Sunday.

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Nursery	Lizbeth Kephart & Tammy Hill
Elementary	Various
Youth	Brandon Roland
Young Adult	Jon & Kathy Casey
Renewal	Martha Cook
Exploring Faith	Larry Cook
Holiday Adults	Brenda Thompson

YOU'RE INVITED...

Join the Thread Loving Crafters (TLC) every Thursday in the Family Ministries Center, Room 2, 9 AM - 12 PM. Everyone is welcome!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Any information you wish to be included in the weekly What's Happening must be submitted by 10 AM each Wednesday. Please email information to fumcprinceton@gmail.com or bring it by the Church Office.