



Welcome to  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Siler City, North Carolina

*Our hearts, our minds,  
 and our doors are always open.*

**AN ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

December 9, 2018, 10:00 AM  
 Second Sunday of Advent

*We are so glad you are here to worship today.  
 When the prelude begins, please prepare your heart for  
 worship through silent prayer and meditation.*

(\* denotes congregation standing if able)

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* by Shackley

WELCOME & GATHERING  
*(Please sign and pass the pew pads.)*

\*HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Hymnal p.220

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES AND  
 PREVIOUS ADVENT CANDLES by Acolytes

READING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (Mark 1:4)  
*Reading - Bennie & Trudy Walters*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the  
 word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of  
 salvation.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel**

*(The Light of Christ brings us together to worship.)*

\*OPENING PRAYER (Ps 25, 1 Thess 3)

**Christ Jesus, come to us now. Enter our hearts and our lives  
 once more, that we may pay heed to the signs all around us.  
 Awaken us to the reality that time is precious. Make your ways  
 known to us, and lead us in your truth. Stir your love in our  
 hearts, that your church may be strengthened as we worship  
 and work in your world. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy  
 Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word  
 proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
 Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3: 1-4  
*Pew Bible p. 889*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1: 3-11  
*Pew Bible p. 196*

*Lay Reader: Mary John Resch*

ANTHEM *Journey of Hope* by Kirkland

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

\*HYMN *Love Devine, All Loves Excelling* Hymnal p. 384

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED Hymnal p. 881

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal p. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
 without end. Amen. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal p. 895

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
 WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The First Noel* by Carter

\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal p. 95

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

MESSAGE *Luke 1: 68-79* Reverend Carl Belcher

**GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND**

\*HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* Hymnal p. 706

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal p. 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who  
 has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made  
 flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the  
 Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate  
 God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist  
 evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
 In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not  
 alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US TO SERVE IN THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

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*The Altar Rail is a place for dedication, rededication or special prayer.  
 You may come during the hymns and remain as long as you desire.*

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Communion is held the first Sunday of every month during the 10:00am  
 service and in the Chapel at 9:45 on all other Sundays.

Visitors, please sign our pew pads and place the completed form in the  
 offertory plate. Thank you for worshipping with us today,  
 and please join us again soon.

Childcare is available for all children from infant to 1st grade.  
 Please turn right out of the Sanctuary and through double doors.  
 Turn right and the Nursery is straight ahead.

Children's church has begun! Those who would like to participate will  
 meet each Sunday after the Children's Moment during the worship  
 service. Those between 3 and 8 years of age will meet in the Kid's Class  
 and the Youth class is for ages ranging in 10-13.

Children's Worship Bags are available in the Narthex. Please enjoy and  
 return the bags at the end of worship.

Hearing Aid Devices are available from the ushers.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Food Pantry - Vegetable*

FUMC is sponsoring the Angel Tree once again this year. It is not too late to sponsor an Angel from the tree this Christmas. Remember all items are due in to the church by noon tomorrow, Monday, December 10, 2018.

Poinsettia order forms have been placed in the narthex and in the church office for those who would like to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone special. All orders are due by noon tomorrow, Monday, December 10th.

The Belcher's will be hosting a Christmas open house on Sunday, December 9th from 4pm - 6pm. All are invited to stop in.

JOY will meet Monday, December 17th at 12pm for a salad luncheon at Sallie Milholen's house. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert.

FUEL-UP is well underway and is scheduled to pack food bags on Thursday, December 13, and Tuesday, December 18 at 1pm. Please join us if you can; we have a great time!

The holidays are quickly approaching and many of you will be needing information to appear in the bulletin, online, emailed out, etc. Please be mindful of this and turn in the information as early as possible as the office is busy preparing for the holiday season as well.

The end of the year is approaching. Don't forget that all contributions need to be turned in by December 31, 2018.

The church newsletter, bulletin, photo gallery and online calendar can be accessed online by going to the church's website at [www.fumcsilercity.org](http://www.fumcsilercity.org). If you need an event added to our online resources, call (919-742-2722) or send the information to the YoLonda in the church office. Check us out on Facebook by searching for Siler City First United Methodist Church. If you happen to snap pictures of church events with your phone/camera, please email them to YoLonda. At [office@fumcsilercity.org](mailto:office@fumcsilercity.org) to be posted.

If your contact information has changed or you have a preference for how to be contacted, please notify the church office.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

DECEMBER	JANUARY
9th - Second Sunday of Advent	1st - New Year's Day
9th - Open House at Reverend Belcher's from 4pm to 6pm	1st - Church Office closed
10th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> meet at 10:30am	3rd - Fuel-up meets at 1pm
10th - Poinsettia orders due by noon	6th - Youth group meets with Bob Andrews at 2:30
10th - Angel Tree donations due at noon	8th - Handbell practice at 6pm
11th - Handbell Practice at 6pm	8th - Choir practice at 7pm
11th - Choir Practice at 7pm	9th - Missions Committee meeting at 6:30pm
12th - <i>SHARE</i> meets at 12 noon	10th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm
13th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm	14th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> meet at 10:30am
14th - Children's Choir Practice at 4pm	15th - Handbell practice at 6pm
16th - Third Sunday of Advent	15th - Choir practice at 7pm
16th - Youth, friends & families meet at 3pm for games and food	16th - <i>SHARE</i> meets at 12pm
17th - <i>JOY</i> meets at 1pm at Sallie's house for a salad luncheon	17th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm
18th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm	18th - 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th - Handbell Practice at 6pm	21st - Church office closed
18th - Choir Dinner & Practice at 7pm	22nd - Handbell practice at 6pm
21st - Children's Choir Practice at 4pm	22nd - Choir practice at 7pm
23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent	24th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm
23rd - Children's Choir Performing	28th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> meet at 10:30am
24th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> meet at 10:30am	29th - Handbell practice at 6pm
24th - Christmas Eve	29th - Choir practice at 7pm
24th - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm	31st - Fuel-up meets at 1pm
25th - Christmas Day	
25th - Church office closed	*****
26th - Church office closed	<i>Each Sunday, enjoy coffee &amp; fellowship in the dining room following Sunday School.</i>
27th - Church office opens	
30th - Choir Practice at 9:15am	
31st - New Year's Eve	

*The flowers are placed upon the altar are given to the glory of God by Eileen Williams.*

**Scripture Memory Verse**

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." – Philippians 4:8,*

**Last Week's Presence**

Sunday School	13
Worship Service	64

**Stewardship as of Last Sunday  
January 2018 - December 2018**

General Fund Receipts	212,384.32
General Fund Expenses	<u>-209,011.70</u>
	\$3,372.62

**CELEBRATIONS**

**December Birthdays**

- 01 - Jennifer Dameron, Sandy Morse
- 02 - Ross Kirkman
- 04 - Lilly Johnson, Carolyn Clark, Cal Brewer, Jeff Snipes
- Denise Brooks Barnwell
- 06 - Stephen Wood
- 07 - Jane Butler, Brennan Pore, B. J. Hoffman
- 08 - Mary-Maxton Andrews, Chad Moore
- 09 - Lisa Ross
- 12 - Amy Stackhouse Johnson
- 13 - Mary DeAngelo, Bob Frickey, Stephen Helmer
- 15 - Melodye Hadley
- Heather Belcher
- 16 - Theresa Joyner, Elizabeth Meadows
- 17 - Jordan Mullis
- 18 - Helen Mathias
- 21 - Deb McManus
- 23 - Hal Milholen
- 25 - Tyler Haiges
- 27 - Alec Brewer
- 28 - Jeff Brewer
- 29 - Raymond Brewer, Willis Wrenn
- 30 - Patsy Andrews, Sherri Powell

**January Birthdays**

- 01 - Terry Belcher
- 03 - Jan Brewer, Doug Sparrow
- 04 - Jeff Milholen
- 05 - Scott Graham
- 06 - Mary Pat Wrenn Fortney
- 7 - Donald Maness, Adam Fields, Ed Outland
- 08 - Janice Andrews, Ashley McManus
- 09 - Elyssa Elliott
- 11 - Linda Justice, Connor Murphy
- 12 - Allison Palmer
- 13 - Bill Elder, Diane Kirkman, Gladys Brewer
- 15 - Spence Townsend, Le Greene
- 16 - Jay Palmer, Josh Hudson
- 19 - Kathy Grigg
- 20 - Jean Andrews
- 21 - Marti Greene, Collin Palmer
- 22 - Jake Mitchell, Matt Fry
- 23 - Mickey Pore, Gib Brooks, Linda Culberson
- 24 - Michael Hudson, Ashley Milholen
- 25 - Laurin Councilman
- 26 - Patsy Hancock, Dawn Murphy, Noah Kirkman
- 27 - Kim Outland
- 31 - J. J. Daniel

**December Anniversaries**

- 06 - Mark and Dawn Murphy
- 10 - Carl and Terry Belcher
- 21 - Robert and Jane Andrews
- 24 - Dennis and Diane Brooks
- 27 - Rick and Melodye Hadley

**January Anniversaries**

- 01 - George and Teresa Langley
- 08 - Bill and Sallie Milholen
- 15 - Richard and Diane Kirkman
- 29 - Bill and Barbara Elder
- 30 - Donald and Jane Maness

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:20 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Communion in Chapel
- 10:00 AM Worship Service



