

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!

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.

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 to 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. 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 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	1st - Church Office closed					
Belcher's from 4pm to 6pm	3rd - Fuel-up meets at 1pm					
0th - Threads of Faith meet at	6th - Youth group meets with Bob					
10:30am	Andrews at 2:30					
0th - Poinsettia orders due by noon	8th - Handbell practice at 6pm					
0th - Angel Tree donations due at	8th - Choir practice at 7pm					
noon	9th - Missions Committee meeting at					
1th - Handbell Practice at 6pm	6:30pm					
1th - Choir Practice at 7pm	10th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm					
2th - SHARE meets at 12 noon	14th - Threads of Faith meet at					
3th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm	10:30am					
4th - Children's Choir Practice at	15th - Handbell practice at 6pm					
4pm	15th - Choir practice at 7pm					
6th - Third Sunday of Advent	16th - SHARE meets at 12pm					
6th - Youth, friends & families meet	17th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm					
at 3pm for games and food	18th - 25th Week of Prayer for					
7th - JOY meets at 1pm at Sallie's	Christian Unity					
house for a salad luncheon	21st - Church office closed					
8th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm	22nd - Handbell practice at 6pm					
8th - Handbell Practice at 6pm	22nd - Choir practice at 7pm					
8th - Choir Dinner & Practice at	24th - Fuel-up meets at 1pm					
7pm	28th - Threads of Faith meet at					
1st - Children's Choir Practice at	10:30am					
4pm	29th - Handbell practice at 6pm					
3rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent	29th - Choir practice at 7pm					
3rd - Children's Choir Performing	31st - Fuel-up meets at 1pm					
4th - Threads of Faith meet at						
10:30am	********					
4th - Christmas Eve						
4th - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm						
5th - Christmas Day						
5th - Church office closed	Each Sunday, enjoy coffee &					
6th - Church office closed	fellowship in the dining room					
27th - Church office opens	following Sunday School.					
30th - Choir Practice at 9:15am						
31th - New Year's Eve						



THE CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Carl Belcher (cbelcher@fumcsilercity.org)

Cell-919-215-5598 S. Timothy Davidson Director of Music YoLonda Moody (office@fumcsilercity.org) Admin. Assistant Pam Whitaker (pwhitaker@fumcsilercity.org) Financial Secretary Jeff Brown Custodian

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNIITIES

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

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

-209,011.70

\$3,372.62



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

Pastor

- 12 Amy Stackhouse Johnson
- 13 Mary DeAngelo, Bob Frickey, Stephen Helmer
- 15 Melodye Hadley Heather Belcher
- 16 Theresa Joyner, Elizabeth Meadows 20 Jean Andrews
- 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

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 Birthdays

- 01 Terry Belcher
- 03 Jan Brewer, Doug Sparrow
- 04 Jeff Milholen
- 05 Scott Graham
- 06 Mary Pat Wrenn Fortney
- Donald Maness, Adam Fields, Ed Outland
- 08 Janice Andrews, Ashley McManus
- 09 Elvssa 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
- 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

January Anniversaries

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

Church Member of the Month Shirley Fry

724 N. Garden Avenue Siler City, 27344

Prayer Requests

December 9 - December 15

Sunday

Elizabeth Meadows
The Family of Harold Robinson (Janet Joyner)
The Family of Steve Palmer
Ernestine Robinson (Janet Joyner)
The Family of Shorty Creech (Brenda Dunn)
Arthur Smith (Carol Davidson)
Lib Mabe (Carolyn Clark)
Rod Tidy

The Family of Tillie Thornburg
Greg Upton (Janet Joyner)

Noah Kirkman
Mr. Powell (John Powell)
John Powell's oldest daughter
Susan Helmer

Monday

Marjorie Stackhouse

Gayla Stephens (Terry Belcher)

Jane Farmer (Patsy Andrews)

Robert Wrenn

Bob Frickey (Patsy Andrews)

Tuesday

LaJeanne & Sandy Pierce Dennis Sawyer
The Family of Kathy Trogdon (Carolyn & Kenny Clark)
The Family of Cinch Gwyn (Jay Palmer) Cora Elkins (Louise Adcock)
Sue Blecher (Carl Belcher)

Wednesday

Steve Crotts

Willis Wrenn

A.C. Dunn

Leah Turner

The Family of Carol & Garret Hammer (Louise Adcock)

California fires, responders, & victims

Suzie Marcle
Olivia Diamant
Pam Whitaker
Bennie Walters

Thursday

Donald Carlyle (Emily Carlyle) Corinne McLaurin (Evelyn Tidy)
Barbara Andrew (Evelyn Tidy) Mike Luddington (Janet Joyner)
Zoann and Sam Adams (Danny Marley)

Friday

Dawn Stumpf Kay Paschal (Bennie & Trudy Walters)
Hurricane Victims Hurricane Workers

Saturday

Hilda Sparrow (Bernie Sparrow)



UPCOMING SERVING SERVANTS								
	December 9, 2018		December 16, 2018		December 23, 2018			
	10:00 Service	Alter- nate	10:00 Service	Alternate	10:00 Service	Alternate		
Greeters	The Stackhouse Family		The Stackhouse Family		The Stackhouse Family			
Liturgist	Brenda Dunn	John McSween	John McSween	Brenda Dunn	Brenda Dunn	John McSween		
Lay Reader	Mary John Resch	Joan Thomp- son	John McSween	Trudy Walters	Sallie Milholen	Carol Davidson		
Acolyte	Sallie Milholen		Abigail Steele		Sallie Milholen			
Nursery	Anne Mathias		Whitney Kirkman		Angela Lawrence			
Altar Guild	Eileen Williams		Poinsettias		Poinsettias			
Ushers	Robert Andrews, Chief Charles Stackhouse Matthew Johnson		Robert Andrews, Chief Charles Stackhouse Matthew Johnson		Robert Andrews, Chief Charles Stackhouse Matthew Johnson			
Audio- Visual	Eileen Williams Daniel Wrenn		Mike Armstrong Bryce Armstrong		Peggy Wood Jane Andrews			
Children's Moment	Sherri Powell		Sherri Powell		Sherri Powell			
Kid's Church	Shirley Fry		Marti Greene		Shirley Fry			
Youth Church	Sara Sparrow Bob Andrews		Elizabeth Meadows Bob Andrews		Bob Andrews			

Short Term Care

Suzie Marcle - Universal Health Care in Ramseur

Long Term Care

Village Lake Inn:

Eunice Terry, Betty Pollock, Marjorie Stackhouse (Room 23)

219 Village Lake Road, Siler City, 27344

White Stone

Joan Armstrong

Memory Unit 700 South Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27407 Brookdale

Ada Jo Burke, 2105 West Arlington Blvd. Greenville, NC 27834

Those who have moved away:

Jackie Ellis: 83 Jupiter Hills Drive, Weaverville, NC 28787

Church and Family Members Away from Home

Alex Daniels, US Navy (son of Le and Marti Greene)

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