

✦ Welcome ✦

**Order of Worship**  
**Liturgical Color: Purple**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Welcome and Announcements		Tommy Head
Prelude	“Christmas Joy”	Handbell Choir
*Hymn	“The First Noel”	245
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Glass Family
Anthems:	“Come and See the Baby” “Sing Choirs of Angels”	Chancel Choir
Prayer		Rev. Matt Albritton
The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Matt Albritton
*Hymn	“While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks” (vs 1-2)	236
*Offertory Prayer		Rev. Matt Albritton
Offertory		
*Doxology		95
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
Anthems:	“I Bring You Good News” “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”	Chancel Choir
Scripture		Tammy Albritton
Sermon		Rev. Matt Albritton
Anthems:	“For Unto Us A Child is Born”	Chancel Choir
*Hymn	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	218
Benediction		

\*Please stand as you are able.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we are so glad you are here! Please fill out the attendance booklet located on your pew. For more information, please contact the church office by phone at (334) 567-7865, email us at secretary@firstwetumpka.com, or check us out on the web at www.wetumpkafirst.com.

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**TODAY—Please turn in your U.M. Children’s Home White Christmas Offering.** Be sure to include your “in honor of or in memory of” information to be included in the listing for the December 22 bulletin. Gifts will be consecrated at the Christmas Eve Communion Worship on December 24.

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*We are excited that the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir will be presenting a Christmas service of music during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

*This evening at 6 p.m. our Children’s Choir Christmas Musical will be presented in the FLC. What a wonderful way to get prepared for the birthday of that special baby born so long ago!*

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Thank you for choosing all the angels from the Angel Tree!  
**Please bring your purchased gifts no later than Wednesday, Dec. 18.**  
See Ms. Nancy Holdbrooks, Michelle, or Jamie if you have any questions on how you can show Jesus' love to our kids! And, don't forget to pray for our kids and their families! **Thank you for having a generous heart!**



**Christmas Eve Communion—5 p.m.**  
Bring your whole family and join us for a brief worship service, as we celebrate Christ’s birth.

**Important note from our church treasurer:**  
Contributions must be made **no later than 10 a.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup>** to receive credit on your 2019 taxes.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

This evening we will have our Christmas musical, “Good News Ahead...The Signs of Christmas!” Join us in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. as we sing praises to our Savior. Be sure to invite your friends and family to share God's goodness with them.

Last, but not least...mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 18 for our Birthday Party for Jesus! We will have snacks and birthday cake to celebrate His birth. This fun event is for kids of all ages up to 6th grade. More details coming soon. This will also be the last Wednesday we meet until the New Year. Enjoy this special time with your families.

SR. ADULT MINISTRY



Have a very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Keenagers. We are looking forward to beginning our planning for 2020!!!

**1136 STUDENT MINISTRY**

Most people are pretty sure they know the story of Christmas, but there’s a problem with seeing the story of Jesus’ birth as just another story from the Bible. The story of Christmas isn’t just one of many stories in Scripture; it’s an epically key part of the big story of God and His relationship with His creation. This month we’ll discuss and walk through how the birth of Jesus changed the story of humanity forever in a way that was completely unexpected, undeserved, unbelievable, and undeniable.

No regular hangout today, because this afternoon we are cheering on and supporting the children’s ministry, and the youth helping in it, as they perform the musical *Good News Ahead* at 6:00 pm in the FLC. Come and encourage all the performers as we show them Christ’s love together!

**READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN ONE YEAR**

*December*

- 17 *Reflect on God as Savior*
- 18 Micah 6-7      Ps. 144      Matt. 15
- 19 Nahum      Prov. 27      Matt. 16
- 20 Habakkuk      Ps. 145      Matt. 17
- 21 Zephaniah      Prov. 28      Matt. 18
- 22 Haggai      Ps. 146      Matt. 19
- 23 Zech. 1-3      Prov. 29      Matt. 20

**SERMON NOTES**

**“The Shepherd’s Surprise”**  
**Luke 2: 8-15**

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## Prayer List

*Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date by notifying the church office to remove names from the list as appropriate.*

Mary Ann Pickett, Robert Autrey, Rebecca Mobley, Sara & Harlice Kirby, Dianne Stone, Buddy Staley, Ed Williams, Kathy McFarland, Willard Brown, Shelia Montiel, Richard Johnson, Margaret Wilson, Sharon & Jerry Potts, Leah Pridgen, Presley Marie, David Dudley, Michael Hall, Rebecca Whittle, Virginia Mossberg, Matt Bledsoe, Frank Johnston, Sawyer McCoy and his mom Tonya, Mike Lewis, Danny Franks, Sue Moody, Presley Marie, Opal McCrackin, Mary Jane Strength, Michael Trotter, Susan Legvold's family upon the passing of her father, Harrel Edwards.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The beautiful flowers placed on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.*



### Serving this week:

Roast beef with carrots, onion & gravy, asparagus, roll and dessert.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)*

## Our Record of Faithfulness and Stewardship

December 8, 2019

### Offerings

General Fund	\$ 11,940.00
Loose Plate	\$ 212.00
Other	\$ 20,360.40
Total	\$ 32,512.40

### Attendance

Sunday School—130  
Worship 8:15—50 10:30—156  
Hispanic Worship—89

### Sunday School Attendance Banner

Eternal Heart 114%      Cornerstone 88%  
New Beginnings 77%      Jane Blair 72%

## Service Helpers

### Ushers 1st Sunday

8:15—Larry Dozier, Trip Weldon  
10:30—Damon Patton, Bob Reneau, Tommy Head, Damon Abernethy, Marvin Salter

### Greeters

8:15—Asenath Coker, Julie Powell, Carol Turner  
10:30—Celestra Rowell, Mardre Williams, Donna Hall

Counters—Alice Scarborough, Charlotte Whetstone

Elevator Operator—Marvin Salter

### Ushers 2nd Sunday

8:15—Lee Cash, Gary Barnes  
10:30—Richard Knighton, J.D. Hobbie, Joe McDonald, Lee Macon

### Greeters

8:15—Sue Moody, Marilyn Dozier, Debbie Barnes  
10:30—Jane Salter, Pat Hobbie, Cathy Gieseler

Counters—Trip Weldon, Bob Reneau

Elevator Operator—Damon Abernethy

### Ushers 3rd Sunday

8:15—Mark Matthews, Rick Tyler  
10:30—Hughett Williams, Larry Hill, Felix Dudley, Cal Estabrook

### Greeters

8:15—Cindy Rouse, Bailey Turner, Carson Turner  
10:30—Jonny McCune, Judy Bianchi, Carl Bledsoe, Sharon Bledsoe, Sandra Hill, Judy Dudley

Counters—Judy Bianchi, Mardre Williams

Elevator Operator—Shelton Prine

### Ushers 4th Sunday

8:15—John Bush, Jimmy Martin  
10:30—Earl Gillian, Ed Johnson, Jerry Potts, John Scott

### Greeters

8:15—Donna Matthews, Brysene Lee, Carol Bush  
10:30—Sharon Potts, Nell Head, Gloria Johnston

Counters—Lee Macon, Marvin Salter

Elevator Operator—Gloria Johnson

Counters 5th Sunday—Jo Glenn, Mary Weldon

Ushers/Greeters 5th Sunday—Youth Team

Sound System Operator—Ben Williams

Children's Church—Jane Salter

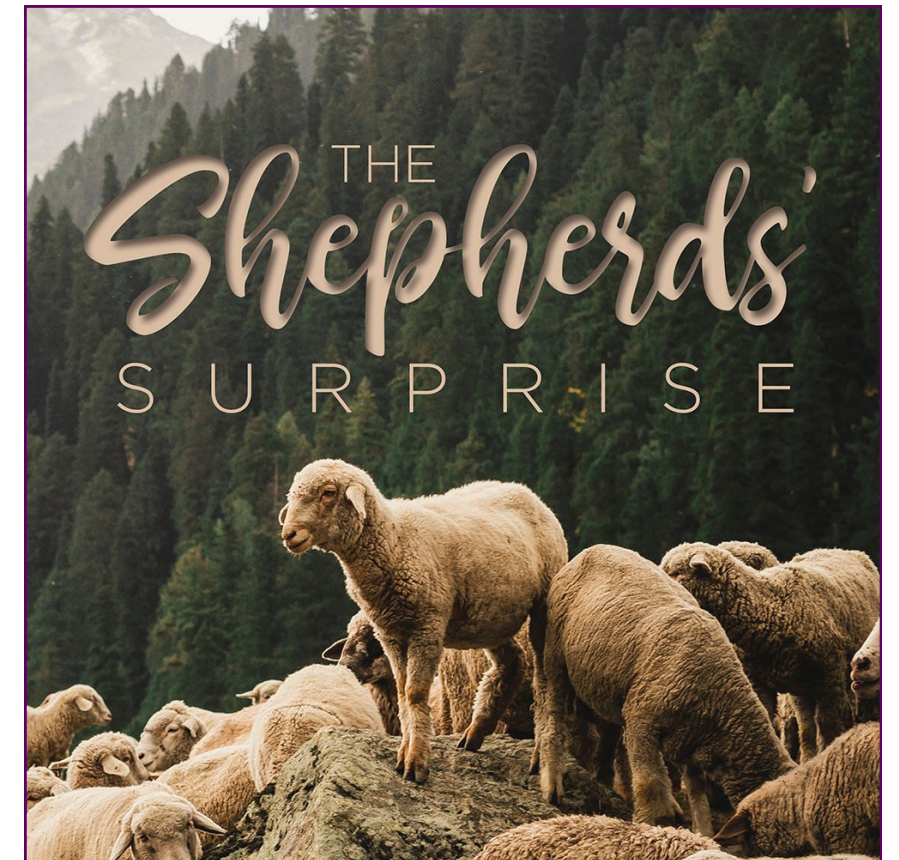
Floater—Diane Tyler

Communion Stewards for 8:15 a.m. for January 2020

Felix Dudley, Rick Tyler, alternate

Communion Stewards for 10:30 a.m. for January 2020

Marvin Salter, Bob Reneau, Mabrey Whetstone



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Wetumpka, Alabama

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship 8:15 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:20 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.

### Mission Statement

*With a heart for Jesus Christ, First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka comes together as a family of God. Our purpose is to welcome and win our community to Jesus Christ. By encouraging spiritual growth, and fostering Christian fellowship, we give glory and praise to our God.*