

Order of Worship
Liturgical Color: Purple

✦ Welcome ✦

SR. ADULT MINISTRY

Welcome and Announcements	8:15 John Bush	
	10:30 Dennis Fain	
Prelude	Kathy Willis	
*Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	230
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	881
	“holy catholic church” (the church universal)	
Gloria Patri		70
	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.</i>	
	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.</i>	
	<i>Amen. Amen.</i>	
Time of Greeting	<i>“Family of God”</i>	
	<i>I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,</i>	
	<i>I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!</i>	
	<i>Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,</i>	
	<i>For I'm part of the family, the Family of God.</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	8:15 Weldon Family	
	10:30 Legvold Family	
Concerns of a Caring Fellowship	8:15 John Bush	
	10:30 Dennis Fain	
Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
The Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
*Hymn	<i>“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”</i>	196
*Offertory Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
Offertory		
*Doxology		95
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here</i>	
	<i>below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.</i>	
	<i>Amen.</i>	
Children’s Moment	Michelle Abernathy	
Children’s Church	Amanda Flores	
Anthem	<i>“Advent Promise” Sally Blackwell & Deanna Nelson</i>	
Scripture	8:15 Larry Mann	
	10:30 Misty Macon	
Sermon	Rev. Matt Albritton	
*Hymn	<i>“Away in a Manger”</i>	217
Benediction		
	<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>	

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.

Have you joined our advent reading? Let’s read one chapter a day from Luke daily and on December 25 welcome the baby—the King of Kings! Also, pick up an advent calendar—simply scratch off the date and read the scripture posted underneath as a central focus for that day.

Have you chosen your angel? There’s a few more left to choose from. The Angel Tree is set up in Wesley Hall for our kids and youth. Please pick up your angels following the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Simply choose your angel off the tree and go shopping! **Please bring your purchased gifts no later than Wednesday, December 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!

Don’t forget to come downtown Wetumpka on December 14 at 2 p.m. and cheer on our float in the Christmas on the Coosa Parade. NEEDED: Two young adult volunteers to act as Joseph and Mary for our church's float entry in the Christmas on the Coosa street parade. Please contact Sheila Wallace @ 205-919-8612 or Amanda Flores @ 334-313-3179 by Monday, December 9th, if you would be interested in helping out.

The Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir will present a Christmas service of music during the **10:30 a.m. worship service on December 15th.**

Our Children’s Choir Christmas musical will be on December 15th at 6 p.m. in the FLC. What a wonderful way to get prepared for the birthday of that special baby born so long ago!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Woo hoo! December is here! Join us today during the Sunday School hour for Word & Table Fellowship with Brother Matt. Our pastor will have a short devotion with the kids and communion will be served in the Children's Chapel. This is such a sweet time of togetherness that everyone is sure to enjoy.

Get ready! On Sunday, December 15 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.

What an amazing Keenage Christmas Luncheon this past Tuesday featuring wonderful Christmas music by the Upbeats Orchestra! Everyone fellowshiped while enjoying the most delicious food ever, then sang along to the tunes the orchestra played. This is our last event for 2019. We look 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.**

Thank you so much to everyone who came and shared Christ’s love and joy with the people at Elmore County Food Pantry! It was such a blessing to watch you use your time, gifts, and energy for God’s glory. You rock!!

Tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. come hang out in the Family Life Center, have some food, and be part of exciting games, conversations, and fun as we learn about God’s life changing love and grow closer together in it!

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN ONE YEAR

December

- 10 *Reflect on God as King of Kings*
- 11 Amos 8-9 Ps. 141 Matt. 9
- 12 Obadiah Prov. 24 Matt. 10
- 13 Jonah 1-2 Ps. 142 Matt. 11
- 14 Jonah 3-4 Prov. 25 Matt. 12
- 15 Micah 1-3 Ps. 143 Matt. 13
- 16 Micah 4-5 Prov. 26 Matt. 14

SERMON NOTES

**“Why Bethlehem?”
Luke 2:1-7**



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, Mike Wilkerson Family, David LeHey Family, Susan Dunn Kaylor Family.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers placed on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis VanWagner by his wife Maggie and children Lisa and Denise.



Serving this week:

Ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, 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 1, 2019

Offerings

General Fund	\$ 15,542.00
Loose Plate	\$ 300.00
Other	\$ 920.00
Total	\$ 16,762.00

Attendance

Sunday School—112
Worship 8:15—51 10:30—172
Hispanic Worship—80

Sunday School Attendance Banner

Eternal Heart 120%

Service Helpers

1st Sunday

Ushers
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

2nd Sunday

Ushers
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

3rd Sunday

Ushers
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

4th Sunday

Ushers
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—Amanda Flores

Floater—Jane Salter



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Wetumpka, Alabama

December 8, 2019

Second 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.