

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

10:00 AM

Prelude David Matthews

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I give You thanks from the depth of my heart. You are a good Father. You have been good to me, to my family and to my destiny. Your mercy has seen me through all these months. Thank You, LORD, for protecting and preserving my life. Indeed, You watch over me without slumbering or sleeping. As the year is coming to an end, show me areas I need to invest my strengths, sow seeds of love and take steps of faith, for Your glory, in Jesus name. Amen.

The Children's Moment Mary Ferraro

Offertory David Matthews

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology 95

Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" 229

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem "Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Traditional)

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Sermon "Trust In God"

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 224

*Benediction

Postlude David Matthews

*Please stand as you are able

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***Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of my Husband, Bill, from Jane Alewine.

***Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. If you are new here, we would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! If you feel called to this group of Christ's people, consider making the pledge of membership.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please ask an usher for help.

***Circle of Prayer** – *Church:* Pamela Gause, Chuck Coast, Helen Coast, Marcia Watt, Bill Russell, Marilyn Tripp, Selma Marlowe, Aida Weldon, and Marianne Myatt. *Neighbors Near and Far:* Ralph Wright, E. F. Swartzel, Nancy Britton, Heather Watts, Carrie D., Linda Saucier, David Lane, Winnifred Corbett, John Phillips, Avram Kent, Helen MacWhinney, Michael Kesti, Devan Whitaker, and Gracie Stalvey.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Colossians 3:12-13

THIS WEEK

MON. (12/31) **9:30 am** Food and Clothes Distribution

TUES. (1/1) **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
OFFICE CLOSED

WED. (1/2) **5:00 pm** Love Feast in Henderson Hall

FRI. (1/4) **OFFICE CLOSED**

SUN. (1/6) **HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Soul Café
 10:00 am Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
 Officer Installation

***FROSTBITE LUNCHEON** -- The Annual frostbite Luncheon is our opportunity to welcome back our “snowbirds” as you return to the warm Florida clime. All those returning to their southern roosts are our special guests but all are invited! The event will be on Sunday, January 14, after the 10:00 am worship service. There will be homemade soups and sandwiches served. The luncheon is hosted by the Children’s Ministry.

***THANKS** – Heartfelt thanks to all the people who made our Advent and Christmas celebrations special this year.

***MEMBERSHIP** – If you would like to consider membership in 1st UMC please indicate that on the sign-in sheets or on a visitor card. The prerequisite to joining is a 4 week class on the church and the meaning of membership here led by Pastor David. ALL are welcome to participate in our church, but members accept special responsibilities. If you are not a member, please prayerfully consider taking that step of commitment.

***THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER** – The newsletter will be ready this week and will be emailed to you (if we have your email address). Hard copies will be ready next Sunday. The January calendar is available in the narthex.

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Pastor—David Carefoot
Liturgist—Dwight Smith
Music Director, Ruthie Nelson; Accompanist, David Matthews
Nursery—Joan Klingensmith
Greeters—Allen/Radivoy Family
Ushers—Gloria Peters, Carolyn Arnold, Annette Cardente and Rosemary Pignataro
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