

*Order of Worship*  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
*January 12, 2025 —11 a.m.*

“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at  
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

**CHIMES**

PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” Kevin McChesney  
Asbury Ringers

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: What do you bring before the Lord this day?  
**Response: We bring our hopes and dreams to the Lord.**  
Pastor: What do you seek?  
**Response: We seek peace for our weary souls.**  
Pastor: You will find it here in the house of the Lord.  
**Response: Open our hearts to receive Your comfort and peace.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, we thank You for salvation found through belief in Your Son. We trust in Your faithfulness and believe that You will fulfill the promises You have made. Help us to remain steadfast in our faith and to never lose hope, knowing that You are always with us. Thank you for Your unwavering love and grace. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 89  
(verses 1-3)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ann Courville

HYMN “Christ Is the World’s Light” No. 188

\*PSALTER Psalm 29 No. 761  
Rev. Steffanie Pace

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Weldon Bares

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 9: 24-28  
Rev. Steffanie Pace

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Christianity—and Hinduism” Rev. Weldon Bares  
Major World Religions Sermon Series

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed No. 881  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 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.

OFFERING (Please scan QR code to give online)



ANTHEM “O Come, Little Children” Helman  
Asbury Ringers

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” No. 95

\*CLOSING HYMN “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” No. 438

\*BENEDICTION

**CHIMES**

\*POSTLUDE “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” David Cherwien

\*Please stand if able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Text in Church:** Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If you have not connected before, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request.

**Listening Devices:** If you are having difficulty hearing any part of the service, we have listening devices available for you to use. They are located in the Narthex and are sanitized between each use.

**GriefShare** At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. GriefShare will begin on Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30am in the Church Parlor, and will continue each Tuesday until April 8th.

**Believe and Belong** If you've been visiting with us and would like to get more information on joining First United Methodist Church, please join us for Believe and Belong on Sunday, January 19th at 10am in Room 109.

**Abraham's Tent Workdays** Abraham's Tent Workdays are Wednesday, January 15 and Monday, January 27. Food Preparation begins at 9:30 and serving at 11:15.

**First Methodist Women Evening Group** FMW Evening Group will meet on Tuesday, January 28, at 5:00, in Room 109.

**Prison Ministry Orientation** Our prison ministry orientation is January 28 and 29th at 6pm in Paxton Hall. Please attend one of these dates to become a part of our prison ministry team. If you have not been to this event before, you will need to fill out an application and have a letter of reference from your pastor.

**Kids Handbells** Kids handbells will begin on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! It will be from 2:15-3:30pm for kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.

**"A Pastor's Reflection"** Rev. Weldon has published 140 of his favorite columns for "A Pastor's Reflection." The book is available for purchase in the church office.

**Collection Corner** We have many opportunities for donations at our church. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels for Kaufman Elementary, peanut butter and jelly for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, socks, gloves, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!

**Sunday Small Groups** Every Sunday morning at 10am, our church has several opportunities for adults, children and youth to meet for Sunday small groups. We offer 6 adult classes, 2 youth classes (3rd floor) and a children's class (2nd floor).

Fellowshippers - Room 110

Leap of Faith - Room 108

Open Door - Room 107

Young Adult Class - Room 106

Believers - Room 304

Great Expectations - Room 303

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## WORLD RELIGIONS



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GIVE



JOIN



PRAY

**First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles**  
**January 12, 2025 Traditional Worship Hymn Lyric Sheet**

**HYMN 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

**HYMN 188 "Christ Is the World's Light"**

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;  
no one can serve him and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;  
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;  
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:  
Glory to God on high!

**HYMN 438 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"**

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,

whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.