

Teaching	Eleven Pipers Piping	
Song	“He is Born”	UMH 228
Teaching	Twelve Drummers Drumming	
*Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles Creed”	UMH 882
*Song	“The Twelve Days of Christmas”	
The Church at Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
*Sending Hymn	“On This Day”	UMH 248
*Benediction		
Postlude	“How Great Our Joy”	arr. Bill Wolaver

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* indicates standing as you are able

OUR THANKS TO all those who give of their time, talent, and prayers for this church and God’s kingdom.

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The Church office and building will be closed on
Monday, December 31, Tuesday, January 1 and Wednesday, January 2.

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December 30, 2018 - 10:00 am

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*The vision of First United Methodist Church is to be a Vibrant,
Diverse, Christ-Centered People.*

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

First Sunday After Christmas Day/A Celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas

10:00 am

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father
of the heavenly lights” James 1: 17*

Prelude	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Naghielly Agy, pianist</i>
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis</i>
*Greeting One Another with the Love of Christ		
*Introit	“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”	
*Call to Worship	The Christ Child lay at Mary’s heart His hair was like a fire (O weary, weary is the world But here the world’s desire)	G.K. Chesterton
	The Christ Child stood at Mary’s knee His hair was like a crown And all the flowers looked up at Him And all the stars looked down	
*Carol	“On This Day”	UMH 248

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Gathering Prayer UMH 232
Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Scripture Lesson First John 4:7-19
 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world.. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Teaching	The Partridge in a Pear Tree	
Song	“What Child Is This”	UMH 219
Scripture Lesson	Luke 2: 22-24	
Teaching	The Two Turtle Doves	
Song	“Good King Wenceslas”	Oxford Book of Carols

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Scripture Lesson	I Corinthians 13:1-13	
Teaching	Three French Hens	
Song	“We Three Kings”	vs. 1 and 5 UMH 254
Teaching	Four Calling Birds	
Song	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	UMH 242
Teaching	Five Gold Rings	
Song	“Once in Royal David’s City”	vs. UMH 250
Teaching	Six Geese a Laying	
Song	“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	UMH 184
Teaching	Seven Swans a Swimming	
Song	“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”	UMH 244
Teaching	Eight Maids A-Milking	
Offering our Gifts to God		
Offertory Anthem	“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”	Drake
* Doxology	“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”	vs. 4 UMH 221
Teaching	Nine Ladies Dancing	
Anthem	“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”	OBC
Teaching	Ten Lords a’Leaping	
Song	“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”	UMH 224

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