

**Order of Worship**  
**Liturgical Color: Purple**

Welcome and Announcements	8:15 Mary Weldon	
	10:30 Ed Johnson	
Prelude		Kathy Willis
*Hymn	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	196
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	881
	"holy catholic 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>	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	8:15 Larry & Marilyn Dozier	
	10:30 Kelly Macon, Kristina Barrett, Harper, Jacob and Joseph	
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>	
Concerns of a Caring Fellowship	8:15 Mary Weldon	
	10:30 Ed Johnson	
Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
The Lord's Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
*Hymn	<i>"There's a Song in the Air"</i>	249
*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	(4 yr olds—6th grade) Michelle Householder	
No Children's Church today		
Anthem	<i>"Of the Father's Love Begotten"</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	8:15 Larry Mann	
	10:30 Sally Blackwell	
Sermon	Rev. Matt Albritton	
Communion	Congregation	
*Hymn	<i>"Away in a Manger"</i>	217
Benediction	Rev. Matt Albritton	
	<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>	

✦ Welcome ✦

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 at 567-7865 or check us out on the web at [www.wetumpkafirst.com](http://www.wetumpkafirst.com).

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**This evening at 6:00 p.m.—DELICIOUS PANCAKE SUPPER!!!**

Please join us in celebrating the beginning of Advent this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC. **The Bruce Airey Class will be cooking their famous pancakes and sausage.** Donations will be appreciated to help with local missions within our church family.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON THE COOSA—December 8**

Plans are underway to present a float in the **Annual Christmas on the Coosa Parade in downtown Wetumpka on Saturday, December 8.** If you want to help decorate the float contact Jamie at [Jamie@firstwetumpka.com](mailto:Jamie@firstwetumpka.com) or give him a call at 334/300-1247.

**SPRC MEETING**—Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m. in the library.

**FUMC Live Nativity—Friday, December 14 from 6—8 p.m.** in downtown Wetumpka. Come and experience the wonder of the baby Jesus' birth.

Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ in the month of December with special music by handbells, ensembles, children's choir, and the Chancel Choir. **The Chancel Choir will present "The Glory of Christmas" during the COMBINED 10:30 a.m. worship on December 16th.**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

We are so excited to study compassion this month. Your kids are learning that compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's need. God did something about our greatest need by sending us His son, Jesus. I can't think of a better example of compassion, can you?

**Don't miss events:**

**Birthday party for Jesus—Wednesday, December 12 during Children's Ministry in the Family Life Center.** Kids of ALL ages are welcome! We will have birthday cake, snacks, balloons, and lots of FUN! Come join us!  
**Come join us for Word & Table next Sunday** with Brother Matt. This is a special time of communion and a short lesson with our pastor.

**1136 STUDENT MINISTRY (Youth)**

*For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36*

***Join us for our Thankfulness Exchange TODAY at 4 p.m.  
Our Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m.***

**Sr. Adult Ministry**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon is our "Christmas Keenage Luncheon".**

We will be delivering flowers to our shut-inns this year and making about 3 baskets to deliver. A delicious meal of Pork Loin with cranberry chutney, nutty rice, steamed broccoli, bakes apples and Trifles for dessert. Put the date on your calendar... bring a friend...see you at the luncheon. Celestra



We are so excited to have the opportunity to help some of our church kids and youth in need this year for Christmas. **The Angel Tree is set up in Wesley Hall. Angels may be chosen from the tree following the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services.** Simply choose your angel off the tree and go shopping! **Please bring your purchased gifts to Wesley Hall NO LATER than Wed., Dec. 19.**

See 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 too! **Thank you for having a generous heart!**

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***PRAISE REPORT!*** Neal and Leah Pridgen's son, Lee Trotter did very well through his brain surgery to relieve symptoms of Parkinson's.

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***Thank you*** for your love and support during my surgeries and recoveries. *The phone calls, cards, gifts, and food were very comforting and very much appreciated. It's a blessing for me to be a part of our church family.*  
*God bless. Jeanelle Andrews*

**READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN ONE YEAR**

	<b>December</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <i>Reflect on God as Giver</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Hosea II-12	Ps. 128 Matt. 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Hosea 13:-14	Prov. 21 Matt. 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Joel	Psalm 139 Matt. 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Amos 1-3	Prov. 22 Matt. 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Amos 4-5	Ps. 140 Matt. 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Amos 6-7	Prov. 23 Matt. 7-8

**SERMON NOTES**

***"A Living Hope"***  
**Luke 1:26-38**

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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, Vickie Hurst, Connie & Larry Mann, Rebecca Mobley, Judy Dudley, Dub Coker, Vivian Ellis, Alice Dozier, Kathy McFarland, Edward Johnson, Justin Harbuck, Stanley Phillips, Shelly Moody, Edward Housel, Suzanna Ozley, Marilyn Zeigler, Lee Cash, Shy Pilgreen, Jimmy Covan, Alice Tindal, Yvonne Smith, Sheila Montiel, Duane & Suzanne Jones, Chris Jones, Betty Evans, George Dunn, Ann Knighton, Lee Trotter, Harlice Kirby, Barbara Knight.

### **A wonderful thank you to our Altar Guild**

*who decorated our church so beautifully—ushering in the Christmas spirit. Take a minute to gaze into the Chrismon tree in the Chapel. The Chrismon class under the direction of Judy Dudley did a superb job creating and repairing the intricate ornaments for this year's tree. Do you know what all the symbols represent?*



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

*Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Birthday Cake*

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. **Malachi 3:10***

## Our Record of Faithfulness and Stewardship

**November 25, 2018**

### Offerings

General Fund	\$	3,225.00
Loose Plate	\$	180.00
Other	\$	0.00
Total	\$	3,405.00

### Attendance

Sunday School—105  
8:15 Worship— 34 10:30 Worship— 159  
Hispanic Worship—82

### Sunday School Attendance Banner

Cornerstone 78% New Beginnings 76% Bruce Airey 73%

## 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

### **Greeters**

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

**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

**No Children's Church**

**Floater**—Louise Tatum

**Communion Stewards for 8:15 a.m. for December 2018**

Mark Matthews, Alt. Felix Dudley

**Communion Stewards for 10:30 a.m. for December 2018**

Marvin Salter, Hughett Williams, Lee Macon



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Wetumpka, Alabama

**December 2, 2018**  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
8:15 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School 9:20 AM

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### *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.*