

Order of Worship

Liturgical Color: Purple

Welcome and Announcements	8:15 Mark Matthews	
	10:30 Carla McCune	
Prelude	“Christmas Bell Fanfare”	Handbells
*Hymn	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	240
*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. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>		
Lighting of the Advent Candle	8:15 Larry & Connie Mann	
	10:30 Jamie & Andrea Farquhar	
Time of Greeting	“Family of God”	
<i>I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God, I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.</i>		
Concerns of a Caring Fellowship	8:15 Mark Matthews	
	10:30 Carla McCune	
Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
The Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
*Hymn	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	224
*Offertory Prayer	Rev. Matt Albritton	
Offertory		
*Doxology		95
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
Children’s choir led by Deanna Nelson		
Children’s Church	(4 yr. olds—3rd grade)	Mardre Williams
Special Song	“Christ Child’s Lullaby”	Handbells
Scripture Reading	8:15 Larry Dozier	
	10:30 Margie Roate	
Sermon	Rev. Matt Albritton	
*Hymn	“The First Noel”	245
Benediction	Rev. Matt Albritton	

**Please stand as you are able.*

✦ 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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion



Bring your family and join us at **5 p.m.** as we celebrate the wonderful birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



Please note: The church offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas!

Year End Giving

From our Finance Committee: This is a reminder that all contributions must be in by Sunday December 30th in order to receive credit for 2018. Please keep in mind if you mail in contributions the office closes at Noon on Fridays and does not receive mail. Thank you for your faithful giving during 2018.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Christmas is here! Our kids are joyously singing today to praise and worship our Savior. The Birthday Party for Jesus was a huge hit! And we are wrapping up learning about the birth of Jesus today. It doesn't get much more exciting in this!

We will take a short break from Wednesday children's ministry until school resumes. Our first Wednesday back will be January 9. Enjoy the holidays with your family. Merry Christmas!

I136 STUDENT MINISTRY

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

So that students can travel and spend quality time with family without feeling like they are missing out on all the fun we have at weekly gatherings and events, the student ministry will not meet on Wednesday and Sunday nights again until Wednesday, January 9th and Sunday, January 13th. Have a Merry Christmas, remember to keep Christ in it through your thoughts and actions towards others, and get ready for the exciting things God will do in the year to come!

Sr. Adult Ministry

Have a very Merry Christmas!
We are looking forward to a terrific 2019!!!
Celestra

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Thank you for keeping our altar beautiful with fresh flowers each Sunday. The 2019 Altar Flowers Calendar is posted. The calendar is filling fast, so contact the church office now to reserve your special date!

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness to my Dad,
George Dunn. From prayers, visits, calls and meals your caring
reflects the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God Bless you.
Teresa McGriff*

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN ONE YEAR

December

- 24 *Reflect on God as Emmanuel*
- 25 Zech. 4-6 Ps. 147 Matt. 21
- 26 Zech. 7-8 Prov. 30 Matt. 22
- 27 Zech. 9-10 Ps. 148 Matt. 23
- 28 Zech. 11-12 Prov. 31:1-9 Matt. 24-25
- 29 Zech. 13-14 Ps. 149 Matt. 25-26
- 30 Malachi 1-2 Prov. 31:10-31 Matt. 26-27
- 31 Malachi 3-4 Ps. 150 Matt. 28

SERMON NOTES

“A Surprising God”
Luke 2: 8-20



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, 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, Ann Knighton, Lee Trotter, Harlice Kirby, Barbara Knight, John Mann, Jerry Bise, Willard Brown.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.



Wednesday Night Activities including Wednesday Night Meals will resume on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Have a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year!

“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

December 16, 2018

Offerings

General Fund	\$	11,275.00
Loose Plate	\$	213.25
Other	\$	2,144.98
Total	\$	13,633.25

Attendance

Sunday School—90
Combined 10:30 Worship— 201
Hispanic Worship—60

Sunday School Attendance Banner

Jr & Sr. High 82% Fresh Start 78% Cornerstone 76%

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

Children's Church—Mardre Williams

Floater— Kim Cossey

Communion Stewards for 8:15 a.m. for January 2019

Felix Dudley, Alt. Rick Tyler

Communion Stewards for 10:30 a.m. for January 2019

Marvin Salter, Bob Reneau, Mabrey Whetstone



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Wetumpka, Alabama

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship 8:15 AM & 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.