

# The Order of Worship

November 16, 2008

Minister: Rev. James Adams

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink

Lay Leader: Clark Allison

Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd

Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Secretary: Vickie Ellis

**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response \* Indicates to stand, if able

## Gathering Before God

### Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*(As you prepare for worship, please take this time to register your attendance with us today. If you are visiting today, please know that you are welcome and we would like to get to know you better. If you have any questions about our church, please speak to Rev. Adams after the service)*

### \* Welcome and Call to Worship

Let us praise God this morning with all our hearts.

**Let us sing and pray to our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.**

Rejoice and be glad today!

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

\* Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

\* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

\* Chorus of Praise *Freely, Freely* No. 389

### \* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon Debbie Walker

*(Children will be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)*

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (Chorus twice)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 Phyllis Allison

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Majesty* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "On Not Keeping Score" Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\*Hymn of Response *I Am Thine, O Lord* No. 419

\* An Affirmation of Faith No. 889

Call to Prayer *Spirit Song* No. 347 (vs.1)

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, your love is forever and yet as new as this morning's sun.**

**We confess that we have thought too little of you this week.**

**The affairs of each day have crowded you out,**

**and selfish pleasures have hidden your presence.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and renew our life with You,**

**so that we may become the people you have called us to be.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* Debbie Mink

\* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

## Serving God in the World

### \* Benediction and Sending Forth

### \* Final Song

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

*To God be the Glory now and forever, now and forever, Amen.*

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## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **Today:**

10:55 Morning Worship  
5:00 Wesley Bells

### **Wednesday, November 19**

6:00 College Connection Care  
6:00 Children's Choir  
7:00 Choir

### **Thursday, November 20**

10:00 Sewing Circle  
6:00 Girl Scout Leaders

### **Monday, November 17**

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### **Tuesday, November 18**

9:00 dCOM  
4:00 Girl Scouts (cookie training)

### **Saturday, November 22**

9:30 Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 Pre-Decorate for H.O.G.

**Nursery Volunteer for Today, Nov. 16 – Barbara Burchett**

**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Nov. 23 – Susan Greene**

**Children's Church for Today, Nov. 16 – Erin Burchett**

**Children's Church for Sunday, Nov. 23 – Amy Burchett**

**Ushers for November – David Allen, Pete Greene, Marty Osborne**

**Greeters for Today, Nov. 16 – Barbara & Bucky Burchett**

**Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 23 – Tate Greene & Gabe Walker**

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Nov. 9 Morning Worship –117, Sunday**

**School-44. General Fund-\$3184.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, General Fund Receipts as of 11/9/08- \$162,036.15; Budget as of 11/30/08-\$214,021.50 FLC Loan repayment-\$515.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$7179.00**

**A special 'Thank You' to all of you who participated in our Project Fill The Baskets. We really appreciate your help with this wonderful outreach ministry. – First UMC United Methodist Women. There are still a few more items that we need to complete baskets for 16 families, the items are: 5- 5lb bag of flour; 8-5lb bag of cornmeal; 5-powdered milk; 7-boxes of pie crusts; 5- cans of cake frosting; 13- jars of gravy; and 10- cans of evaporated milk. Again, thank you for all of your help with this.**

**Saturday, Nov. 22, we will prepare materials for decorating for Advent. On Sunday, Nov. 23, we will finish decorating after church.**

**At 9:30 am, Saturday, Nov. 22, we will gather for a Pancake Breakfast, assemble Thanksgiving Baskets and deliver them.**

**The Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 30 at 6:00 pm (Note earlier time).**

**Please make plans to begin the wonderful season of Advent with this special service.**