

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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8:30 & 11:00 January 6, 2019
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

"What Star is This, With Beams so Bright"

arr: Hal H. Hopson

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

arr: Paul Manz

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" arr: Lyndell Leatherman

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Welcome, members, friends & visitors—please fill in the ritual of friendship pad, pass it to your neighbor, and then return it to its starting place. If you are new and would like more information, please indicate on the friendship pad and also stop at the hospitality desk in the narthex.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

"The day will come," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah." Thus says the LORD, "I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts."

"They will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their family, saying, 'You should know the LORD!'" For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will already know Me," says the LORD.

The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

HYMN

No. 606

"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"

OPENING PRAYER

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, You have formed us as a people and claimed us for Your own. As we come to acknowledge Your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with You, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let Your Spirit impress Your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (David Tripp, England, 20th Cent)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN ANTHEM

1 Peter 1:3-9
Pastor Kerrin

8:30 a.m.

“The Star Still Shines”

arr: Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

“Heirlooms”

Bob Farrell, Brown Bannister, Amy Grant
Soloist: Kathy Van Pelt

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:13-25

PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with His own blood, that it might last forever.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table. Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own.

JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

Invitation

Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but His servants. He is the Source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that He requires. Christ will be all in all, or He will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in careful thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are. Consider the law of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

O righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before You. Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done Your will, for You have promised mercy to me if I turn to You with my whole heart.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with You that no known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against Your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from You. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before You.

Through Christ, God has offered to be Your God again, if you will let Him. **Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge You as my Lord and God. I take You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as Your servant, to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only ways and means of coming to God.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with Him. O blessed Jesus, I come to You, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of Your servants. I do here, with all my power, accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own wisdom, and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take Your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with Him.

I do here covenant with You, O Christ, to take my lot with You as it may fall. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from You.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under Your yoke, to carry Your burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to Your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

The Almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, You know that I make this covenant with You today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to You, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, who by Your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven Amen.

HYMN

No. 413

“A Charge I Have to Keep” vs 1,3,4

SIGNING THE COVENANT

You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it. Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and you that you may remember it during doubts and temptations.

Signature

Date

THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please place your offering in the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

"Tell Out, My Soul"

arr: J. Wayne Kerr

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

A Word About Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service

In 1663, Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published Vindicae Pietatis: or, A Vindication of Godliness in the greater Strictness and Spirituality of It. In 1753, it was again published in John Wesley's A Christian Library. Wesley used one chapter, "The Application of the Whole," on Monday, August 11, 1755, in what probably was the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement.

Wesley found this service rich and meaningful...In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist Societies. - from The United Methodist Book of Worship, pg 288

Circle cancelled...Ruth Circle will not be meeting on January 10.

Parents Morning Out

Parents and pre-school age children at FUMC are invited to participate in Parents Morning Out, sponsored by United Methodist Women. Childcare is provided each Wednesday from 9 -11 am in the church nursery by parent and UMW volunteers. Each family volunteers to assist once a month. For more information or to participate, contact Jane Edwards, 233-4266.

New Parents of Young Children Group Study Starting in January!

Starting Sunday January 20, 2019 from 4:30-6:30. Parents start out with a study while kids play in the nursery followed by a meal for the whole family. This runs every Sunday from January through March. Please contact Stephanie Starrett for more information shstarrett@gmail.com or 515-577-7518.

Confirmation Information

Confirmation class will begin again January 9 where they will kick off module 3 of their 4 module class. This module will have them exploring more about the history of Christianity, Methodism, and this congregation! It will be a great time with Pastor Nikki sharing about her recent trip to "all things Wesley" in England as well as having church members visiting with the confirmands about stories from this congregation. There are also two faith visits scheduled for January. The first is to the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church just a block away from Ames First which will be January 5 at 6:15p.m. The second faith visit is scheduled for January 13 at the Darul Arqum Islamic Center on Iowa Avenue in Ames which will be at 1:00p.m. If you are interested in joining the confirmands, their families, and their mentors on a faith visit, please contact Pastor Nikki or Nicole.

**The Week at a Glance
January 6 – January 12**

Sunday, Jan. 6

8:30 Service

Sunday School

11:00 Service

Monday, Jan. 7

Deb out of office

5:30 - Finance/CR

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Quilters

Women's Study Group/CR

Farm to Folk

Opera Guild

Wednesday, Jan. 9

10:00 WWW

6:00 Wednesday Meal

(all welcome)

6:30 Wednesday night activities

Thursday, Jan. 10

Circle cancelled

Kiwanis

11:00 Fred Bunce Funeral

Services

Friday, Jan. 11

Saturday, Jan. 12

5:30 service

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Zachery Smith

Bobby Gens

Nicole Smith

USHERS

8:30

Tim & Ann Thomas

William & Jane Edwards

Bob Fowser

11:00

Steve Hanlin

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NURSERY

Meredith, Clove, Matthew & Andrea

UTILITIES

Glenys Anderson

Roy Cakerice

Becky Jordan

Keith Bailey for Jan. 6

Acolytes

8:30

Addie Jurgens

11:00

Savanna Smith

Greeters and Welcome Center

8:30

Greeters

Cindy Sienknecht

Welcome Desk

Gina Smith

11:00

Greeters

Donna Banker

Welcome Desk

Gina Smith

Calendar: Tis the season for ISU basketball:))))

Jan. 2...no Bells, no Choir; Jan. 9...no Bells, no Choir

Jan. 10...Chancel Choir (7:30 p.m.);Jan. 16 and 23...regular Chancel Bells

(6:30 p.m.), Chancel Choir (7:30 p.m.) Jan. 30...no Bells, no Choir Jan. 31...

Chancel Choir (7:30 p.m.)

Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members! Make 2019 the year YOU join Chancel Choir!

WE WELCOME YOU!

Our Welcome Center is located in the gathering space near the elevator. Please stop by if you have questions or would like to get more information about the church. Be sure to mention if you are a first time visitor.

Nursery care is available in Room E203, in the Christian Education Unit, on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings for children under the age of 5. All of our workers are trained and screened. Items for children's worship bags are available in the gathering area.

Restrooms are located in the east hallways and by the elevator. Ushers are available at the entrances of the sanctuary to assist you with hearing devices, large print bulletins or any questions you may have. An emergency phone and defibrillator are located on the wall near the west entry.

First United Methodist Church Affirmation of Welcome

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of the world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, as we are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.

We stand in affirmation with the apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." Christ has made us one. We acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses all within the community of faith who exhibit any and all differences in the human condition including, but not limited to: race, gender, ethnicity, age, culture, physical and mental ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity in response to the often hostile social climate with respect to diversity within our society and the resulting feelings of alienation from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm the following:

- all persons share the sacred worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;
- all persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making affirmation of faith; and that as members of this congregation, all persons are invited and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick, Senior Minister/Lead Pastor

Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, Associate Pastor

Nicole Smith, Director of Christian Education

Brooke Kruger, Youth Director

Deb Benefield, Director of Office & Communications

Reid Cummer, Business Manager

Myrna Cakerice, Organist/Director of Choirs

Steve Pelz, Facility Director

Matt Woodworth, Part-time/Sunday Custodian

Go to our website: www.fumcames.org for the latest church information. Follow us on facebook.

Church office hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Friday 8:30 to 4:30

To view church services live, go to <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumclivestream>.
To view past services and other church events, go to Ames First United Methodist Church's YouTube page at <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumcyoutube>.