

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God.

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Anthem Lyrics—*Who Is the One*—Craig Courtney

Who is the One who bids us come together? Who is the One whose presence fills this place? Who is the One who spreads a feast before us, His own beloved to partake? Who is the One, who acting in humility, emptied himself, took on the form of man? Who is the One who trod the path of suffering, who took our place that we might live? Who is the One possessing all authority? Who is the One who speaks and stars appear? Who is the One who holds all things together, and is Himself before all things? Who is the One who reigns o'er all victorious? Who is the One who sits upon the the throne? Who is the One who went before us, to come again and take us home? He is the Lord of hosts. He is the great "I AM." He is Almighty God. He is the One among us now.

Offertory Lyrics—*For the Beauty of the Earth*—John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces, human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Please stand as you are able.

Clergy & Staff

Jon Priebe, Lead Minister

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 am

January 19, 2025

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude—*When Morning Guilds the Sky*—Charles Callahan

Introit—*Hast Thou Not Known*—Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

who has shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

in the face of Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn 185** —*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

Invocation (please be seated)—

O living Christ, you changed Cana's water into wine. Transform our common worship into celebration, that we may taste your glory here and now and anticipate that heavenly banquet where we shall behold your face for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading—*Psalm 36:5-10*

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—*Who Is the One*—Craig Courtney

Epworth Choir

Scripture Reading—*John 2:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"More than the Water"

Jerry Killian

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 175**—*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—*For the Beauty of the Earth*—John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 166**—*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

Benediction—*May the Lord Watch Over You*—Ruth Elaine Schram

Postlude—*Coronation (All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name)*—Callahan

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #185, When Morning Guilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies
my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

GLORIA PATRI

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn #175, Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!
3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but his loved ones know.
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #166, All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant, that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:
and God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Lee Miller
Bob Ahonen	Lee Minier
Joanne Ames	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Debbie Amundsen	Becky Petty
Mary Ellen Atwood	Sandi Robinson
Dorothy Bates	Holly Ross
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Kathi Sawyer
Suzanne Callahan	Todd Schneider
Mary Griest	Kathy Walker
Jim Henes	Betty Wenk
Jeff Iula	Mike Yeager
Dwight Konic	Rose Ann Youngkin
Judy Lewis	Tim Zuschin
Kristopher Lewis	
Marge Magee	
Delores Marefka	
Bonnie Michaud	

In our greater world: We pray for those fighting and affected by the LA wildfires. We lift up Montrose Zion UMC, Northampton UMC.

CHURCH NOTES 1-19-25

New Member Class: Thinking about joining First Church? We want to help you get connected through our Discipleship Pathway. Classes on the book *Disciple Like Jesus* begin February 2, @9:30am in room 315, led by Jim Kimble and Pastor Pippin. For questions and to sign-up, please contact Pastor Pippin, fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com, or use the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Winter Gear Collection: We need some winter gear! Any scarfs, hats, and gloves, donated for the clothesline outside can be placed in the collection area near the Library. Thank you!

Holiday Nuts: We still have a few bags of nuts for sale in the office. Stop in during office hours to pick them up (you may want to call ahead 330-923-5241).

2025 Altar Flowers: We are taking orders for Altar Flowers for 2025. The cost is \$40 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date contact Christy, 330-923-5241, or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

2025 Toddler Time: A program for toddlers aged 2 and their caregivers. This interactive class will feature music and songs, fingerplays and stories, art activities, and play. We have openings for 2025. Please contact Jennifer at 330-923-5243.

FCN Deadline: The deadline for the February issue of *First Church News* is Thursday, January 23. Please send any articles to sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com.

Soup-er Bowl Potluck: FUMC is joining the *Church Square* community at the First Christian Church on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 5-7pm for a "Soup-er Bowl" potluck dinner! Please bring a dish to share, and plan to have a great time of food and fellowship.

Binders: If you have any gently used (2 inch and larger) binders laying around, the church office would love to have them. Thank you!

Boy Scout Breakfast: Mark your calendars for February 9. Beginning at 8am-12:30pm, the scouts from Troop 152 will serve a delicious breakfast in Wesley Hall as a thank you to the church for its continued support. The meal will be free of charge, however, donations would be gladly accepted. Join us as we celebrate our scouts and our partnership.

“More Than the Water”

Questions for Reflection:

Where are you on your discipleship journey?

Knowing what Jesus is telling you to do/say/think-----Doing what Jesus tells you to do/say/think

Questions for Discussion:

What is Mary thinking when Jesus says, “My hour has not yet come”?

Memory Verse:

Romans 12:2—Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.