

Contemporary Service

11.28.21



Message: Change Is Coming

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: Rev. Mark Flynn

Worship Leader: Jeff Kile

Musicians: Naomi Asher, Michael Hulseley, Jason Tate,
Jake Byrd, Melony Dodson

Opening

“Song of Hope”

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle

Elizabeth, Chris, and Elliott Cannon

Prayer

Scripture

“Changes”

Sermon

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Benediction

We embrace Jesus' message that God loves and accepts every person. Therefore, we welcome all to share in the life and ministry of this community of faith. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition, physical ability or mental ability.

Welcome to First Church

We are so glad that you are joining us for worship this morning! Please sign in on the attendance pad, at the end of your row, so we can reach out and get to know you better.

Childcare is provided (6 weeks-K) throughout the entire service in Room 206 where trained child care workers will be waiting. Ask any greeter for help locating the room.

Connect & Respond

Christmas Special Offering: Restocking Local Food Pantries

Providing basic needs for their family is an overwhelming daily concern for some of our very-nearby neighbors. To love and to minister to these friends who are in crisis, Our church's Christmas offering will be used to restock 18 Anderson County food pantries. During the last year, our county pantries served approximately 4,500 families per month and expect to be called upon even more frequently in 2022. At year-end, some forms of support will expire, amplifying the already-dire situation. Did you know that 22% of Anderson County's children are living in poverty and suffering from food insecurity and 32% of our residents are considered working poor? Our church's donations are crucial at this time and will make an immediate difference. Please give generously to help feed the many hungry families close to home. Make checks payable to FUMC (memo: Christmas offering).

Parade Participants

First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge will participate in the Oak Ridge Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 11th. We need volunteers to help decorate the church float as well as have participants walk the parade route to hand out candy. If you would like to donate candy, please leave it in the front office by Sunday, December 5th. Email Shelby Fowler at sfowler@fumcor.org to volunteer.

Celebrating Our Thanksgiving Shoppe!

This Monday, over 100 children were given new coats, blankets, underwear, socks, and a book—through YOUR generosity! Not only that, each of their families was able to gather to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast, complete with paper and cleaning products. The goal of our Thanksgiving Shoppe was to send a message of love to all members of these families. A big “thank you” to all who made that possible!

Sunday Morning Host Search Begins

Following the Church Council's lifting of food and drink restriction after Sunday, January 2, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking to hire a new Sunday Morning Host. This person takes a lead on our Sunday morning hospitality: greeting people, overseeing coffee and doughnut preparations, and helping those who need assistance. If you are interested, please contact our church office!



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