

Contemporary Service
12.19.21
 **FIRSTCHURCH**
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

Message: The Upheaval Has Begun

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon: Rev. Mark Flynn

Worship Leader: Naomi Asher

Musicians: Emily Harbin, Shelby Fowler, Tom Holler,
Jason Tate, Jake Byrd, Melony Dodson

Opening

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

“The First Noel”

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle

Prayer

Scripture

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

Scripture

Sermon

“O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You”

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.*



Flowers for Contemporary Worship

We're excited to begin a new flower ministry in the MPR for Contemporary Worship starting in January. Just as we have done with Traditional Worship in the Nave, we will have online signups for flowers on the altar in the MPR. These donations can be made in honor or memory of someone, and flowers are coordinated through Mott's floral. Please visit "Altar Flowers Signup" under "Ministries" on our website to reserve your spots.

It is Resurrection time!

It's time for an update on all the goings-on taking place at First Youth. We are officially heading up to Pigeon Forge to attend Resurrection on the 3rd weekend in January. This is a weekend conference that the First United Methodist Church puts on every year: thousands of youth come from all over the country to worship and learn more about Jesus.

Resurrection is doing things slightly differently this year to keep Covid protocols in place, for which we are thankful. We have one youth who hopes to attend that needs sponsorship. If you believe in this conference's power to change lives for the better, and you would like to help youth attend that otherwise would not be able to, please contact Kelsey Morris at kelseym@fumcor.org.

Our Sunday Morning Host Returns

We are thrilled to welcome Claire Gibson to our staff as our new Sunday Morning host! Having grown up in our congregation, Claire is very aware of the joyful responsibility of overseeing the return of coffee and doughnuts on Sunday, January 2! Not only that, she will be available to welcome visitors, answer questions, and remind us all to be the hospitable, loving, gracious people God is calling us to be. Welcome Claire!

Christmas pageant coming soon

We are excited to have our Family Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th. We are still in need of children to play some of our Christmas story characters. If your child is interested, email Shelby Fowler at sfowler@fumcor.org or join us on December 19th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for practice.



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