

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church®

January 2, 2011

2nd Sunday after Christmas
Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion Sunday

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment. Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time.

Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

"Song for a New Year"
Arr. Gilbert Martin

The prelude is a time of centering – of transition from "getting here" to "being here". Please take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.

TRINITY CHIMES

KING'S KIDS

"Hallelujah!"

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (taken from Psalm 72)

Leader: I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation to the ends of the earth.

PEOPLE: MAY THE PEOPLE BE JUDGED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS; DEFEND THE CAUSE OF THE POOR, GIVE DELIVERANCE TO THE NEEDY.

Leader: May you be like rain that falls on the new mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

PEOPLE: IN YOUR DAYS MAY PEACE ABOUND AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FLOURISH. MAY YOU HAVE DOMINION FROM SEA TO SEA.

Leader: May your name endure forever, and your fame continue as long as the sun!

PEOPLE: MAY ALL PEOPLE BE BLEST BY YOU; ALL NATIONS SHALL CALL YOU BLESSED!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Sing We Now of Christmas"
#237 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"
#70 UMH

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

KID'S MOMENT

Jennifer Peterson

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p.2233) as the children come forward. Ushers collect the "Ritual Friendship Pads" at this time.

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Mornin'"
Charles Ives
Vocal Soloist—Jacob Trunnell

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60: 1-6

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3: 1-12

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"We Three Kings"
#254 Blue Hymnal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
Alice Jordan
Vocal Soloist—Jacob Trunnell

THE MESSAGE

"We Observed..."
Rev. Stephen Bibb

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Page 15 in the Blue Hymnal for congregational responses.

The Giving of the Elements

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, receive the bread and consume it, then go to the rail and take a cup, consume the juice and replace the empty cup. For our sacrament we use unfermented juice that none may be injured.

Communion Meditation

Meditation Medley

Offering plates are placed at the front of the center aisle for your tithes and gifts.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Love Came Down at Christmas"
#242 Blue Hymnal

***THE PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Lord, Revive Us"
Arr. Gilbert Martin

Isaiah 60: 1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb Pastor
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Matthew 2: 1-12

2In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Ephesians 3: 1-12

³This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.



There will be a meeting of all new confirmands and their parents on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 from 5:30 to 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

The flower chart for 2011 has been posted on the kiosk, please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday of your choice to provide flowers to adorn the altar. The flowers may be taken home for your family to enjoy after the service.



If you have a prayer request that you would like placed on the prayer chain at First United Methodist , please contact Lucile Dellit at 573-6240 or the church office 576-7586.

The Upper Room Devotionals for January and February are now available in the church entrances or they can be picked up in the church office. The cost for the devotionals is \$.75 for small print and \$1.00 for the large print.

If you, a member of your family, or a member of First United Methodist Church family would like a visit/or Holy Communion from a member of The Visitation Team, please contact the church office at 576-7586. The Visitation Team would also like to know when a FUMC member has moved to a nursing home. Help us keep in touch!

Thanks,
Donna Esmay

***Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church***

Sun, Jan 2

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship w/Communion
5:00 pm HS Study Group

Wed, Jan 5 Cont'd

5:30 pm King's Kids
5:30 pm Confirmation Parent's Meeting
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Mon, Jan 3

9:00 am Pew Crew
10:00 am FH-Communion
12:00 pm AI-Anon

Thus, Jan 6

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
6:00 pm Evangelism

Tues, Jan 4

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Fri, Jan 7

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Jan 9

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm UMYF

Wed, Jan 5

7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Women's Bible Study
3:30 pm Discovery Gang
4:45 pm Joyful Noise

Greeters:

Jason & Jodi Major (East Door)
John & Laurel Mors (West Door)

Liturgist

Jan Krass



**Our mission is to provide the people of
the Fort Dodge area opportunities
for spiritual growth, real friendships,
and giving of themselves.**