

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

WELCOME TO ALL!

In the Name of Christ we welcome you to First United Methodist Church of Corinth and to this service of worship. We are so happy that you have joined us today. Your presence is a gift to us and we hope that you will find our worship meaningful and you will want to come and worship with us again.

We invite everyone to fill out the pew pads giving us a record of your attendance. If you have any special concerns or needs that this congregation or the Pastor can assist you with please don't hesitate to make a note on the pew pads, call the church office at 287-3111, or email us at janetw@fumc-corinth.org.

May God bless us all as we worship Him today!

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of Lynette Little, a former associate minister at FUMC from 1989-1993

Please lift up the following people in prayer: Names will stay on prayer list 4-6 weeks unless requested to stay on longer. Please update the church office if someone needs to come off sooner.

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| Maxine Brose | Terri Norton (Allen Norton's mother) |
| Parker Brown (Jimmy Fisher's great nephew) | Ardan McMillan (great nephew of Phyllis Johnson) |
| Johnnie Bullock (McCartney Smith's grandfather) | Judy McPeters |
| Brenda Childs | Chris Melvin |
| J.R. Doyle (Margaret Dennie's nephew) | Gary Mitchell |
| Charlotte Ellis—Jan's mother) | Robin Odle (cousin of Kasey Atkins) |
| Bob Feazell | Bill Odom |
| Peggy & Bill French (Thomas Pettie sister & bro-in-law) | Cindy Pearson |
| Tony Gardecki (David's father) | Jake Rosenbury (Sue Elam's nephew) |
| Don Glisson | Bernice Sandy |
| Lucy Brooke Harris | Johnny Spencer |
| Linda & Gerald Harrison | Vonceil Smith |
| Gale Landry | Katherine Suitor |
| | Kristen Jones Troutt |
| | Teresa Wilkerson (Mother-in-law of Nick Giardelli) |

Our Armed Forces & their families, Nursing Home Residents & Shut-ins

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Youth Party—Progressive Dinner
Mon, Dec 18	6:00 am	Staff & Spouses Christmas Party
Tues, Dec 19	9:30 am	Little Blessings Chapel Time

Rockabye Readers	ABC Integrity Time Volunteer
December 17—Emma Beth Arnold	Dec 19—J-1 & J-2 Barbara Rogers
December 24—Cathy McCullen	
December 31—Cathy Wheeler	

RESTROOMS

Please pardon our construction. A unisex restroom is on the south side upstairs in the Narthex. There is also a restroom at the end of the hallway in the chapel.

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
Ushers: Head Usher: Sandy Elam
Jimmy Wheeler, Mike Draper, Thad Fulghum
Greeters: Peggy Collins & Loretta Newton
Visitor: Barbara Rogers
Sanctuary Audio/TV:
Ned Grady, Greg Tyson, John Mercier

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Ushers – Head Usher: Brent Avent
Hank Leonard, Bill Droke, Jerry Beck
Greeters: Lurlyne & Arthur Dalton
Visitor: Mary Louise Bell
Sanctuary Audio/TV:
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**Little Blessings Daycare
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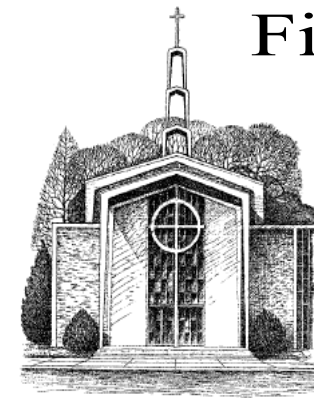
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Corinth, Mississippi

*Welcome!
Please take time to complete the pew pad,
sharing with us your name and address.*

Please silence your cell phones.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

10:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

**Indicates those who are able should please stand*

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS	Rev. Roger Shock
PRELUDE	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Handbells
THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE	Marge, Bill & John Droke

The wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.

When we see the glory of the Lord revealed, we will be strengthened and saved!

God's peace opens our eyes. God's gift of hope opens our hearts.

With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world!

Let us—with joy—kindle the light of the Lord.

Light the first, second and third (rose) candles.

Prayer: Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of your love: the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen and alive, through whom we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND BLESSING OF THE POINSETTIAS

Bless, O Lord the poinsettias before us. May the shape and the color of the leaves remind us of the night Jesus was born and His life on earth. Amen.

*OFFERTORY HYMN #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord God, we bring before you the tithes and offerings you have so abundantly poured into our lives. Like Joseph, we often worry about how life is going, but then wake up to the fact that you are already at work ahead of us. Accept what we have given this day, use it to change the lives of people, use it to reassure folks that life is not out of control, but in your wise rule. Awaken the joy of your presence in their lives and ours. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "On Christmas Day in the Morning" Handbells

*PRAISING GOD TOGETHER-Doxology

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*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.*

ANTHEM "Would I Miss the Miracle?"

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8

SERMON "How Do We Prepare for the Lord's Coming?"
Rev. Roger Shock

*CLOSING HYMN #245 "The First Noel"

*BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please take your poinsettias with you today.



Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items to church each Sunday through Christmas Eve services for the AMEN Food Pantry.

Christmas Parties

Youth Progressive Dinner
Sunday night, December 17

Church Staff and Spouses Party

Monday, December 18, 6:00 pm
at the pastor's home. Bring an ornament for Dirty Santa game!

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The Frozen Food Fundraiser will offer homemade apple pies and dozens of yeast rolls in the vestibule of the sanctuary TODAY.

Please stock your own freezer and contribute to the upkeep of the LITTLE Chapel, which has played such a BIG role in keeping our congregation together for the last 20 months.



Worship Schedule till End of Year

On December 24th and 31st we will have normal 10:00 am services. A nursery will be available during worship, but not during the Sunday school hour.



The office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday December 25 & 26 and on Monday, January 1. If you need to reach us please call 287-3111 and leave a message. Thank you.