

Worship Ministries

You are invited to share in the vibrant worship life of First United Methodist Church which offers a variety of meaningful worship styles and opportunities – from casual and contemporary to more formal and traditional worship. At First United Methodist Church we speak your “worship language,” offering a diversity of worship styles for a diversity of people – children & youth, high schoolers & university students, single adults and young marrieds, families of all shapes and sizes, “empty nesters” and senior adults. Everyone is invited to find a worship style that most meets their needs and lifestyle.

Sunday Worship Services

The Cornerstone Service (8:00–8:50 a.m.): This Worship Service is “bedrock” United Methodist Traditional Worship at its finest, centered on the singing of traditional hymns, biblically-focused preaching, and traditional liturgies and prayers. Organist Jin-Ah Yoo Knapp leads our music ministry at this service which also features soloists and small vocal and instrumental groups from time to time.

The Sanctuary Alternative Worship Service (9:15-10:00 a.m.): Looking for a casual, upbeat worship service where you are welcomed “just the way you are?” This service features contemporary music and praise hymns led by the Sanctuary Band and the use of projectors and screens & digital technology. Attire for this service is casual but our focus remains on worshipping God with our prayers and our praise.

The Koinonia Service (10:30–11:30 a.m.): The Koinonia (Greek for “Community”) Service is for people of all ages, featuring an up-dated approach to worship through the use of modern litanies, songs and prayers while remaining true to our United Methodist worship heritage. The music ministry of Organist Jin-Ah Yoo Knapp and the Chancel Choir, led by Director of Music Ministries Samuel Kwok, is supplemented by a variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles, including our bell and chime choirs.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at all three Services of Worship. All are invited to share in the Holy Feast at our Lord’s Table. The Sacrament is also served on Maundy Thursday as well as during the Blue Advent Service and is regularly served in area nursing homes and shut-ins.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism is celebrated for infants, children, youth and adults on an “as scheduled” basis. Three forms of baptism are available: sprinkling, pouring and immersion. Often the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is included in one of the Christmas Eve Services as well as during one of our Easter Celebrations. Contact the church office or one of the pastors for more information.

Seasonal Services

During the seasons of Lent and Advent/Christmas, special Seasonal Services are offered, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Blue Advent Services. Three Christmas Eve Services are offered at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Special Sunday Services

Throughout the year a variety of Special Services are offered on Sunday mornings. The services include, but are not limited to: Children’s & Youth Sunday, Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Jazz Sunday, Appalachian Service Project Sunday, World Communion/Outreach Sunday, All Saint’s Sunday, “A Great Day of United Methodist Singing,” and the 3rd Sunday of Advent Choir Musical Offering. Other special features of our Sunday morning Worship Services include “5th Sunday of the Month Hymn Sings,” “Bell-e-brations” offered by the Jubilation Ringers Bell Choir, and a variety of guest musicians and vocalists.

Weddings and Funerals

Both weddings and funerals are performed in the Sanctuary of our church. Arrangements for either should be made through the church office and in consultation with one of the pastors. One “non-member” wedding may be scheduled per month and each pastor will perform no more than two weddings per month. Funerals performed at the church take precedence over all other scheduled activities. Arrangements may also be made for visitations and for fellowship luncheons.

*“Many Gifts....
One Spirit”*

Worship Ministries Action Group

Many persons share a hand in helping our church to provide three meaningful and unique services of worship. Laity are involved in the leading of worship as well as in a variety of "behind the scenes" ministries of support. The Worship Ministries Action Group is responsible for the coordination of this hands-on sharing of talents and abilities through a number of Ministry Action Teams.

Usher Ministry Action Team (MAT)

Greet and hand out bulletins before each service; collect offering; assist worship attendees as needed.

Communion Preparation MAT

Prepare the elements of Communion; take the elements to the Sanctuary; put away materials after the service.

Audio/Video MAT

Operate the sound board or projection system; audio or video tape the service; edit the audio tape for radio broadcast and / or edit the video tape for TV broadcast.

Acolytes MAT

Recruit and coordinate the children who serve as Acolytes each Sunday during the school year.

Communion Servers MAT

Assist in the serving of Communion once a month.

Sanctuary Arrangements MAT

Assist as ushers, greeters or Communion servers for the 9:15 Sanctuary service.

Liturgists MAT

Assist in the leading of worship by leading prayers and reading Scripture.

Computer Input MAT

Input prayers and hymns into a laptop computer to be used by the projection system.

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Cornerstone Service

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Sanctuary Alternative Worship Service

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Koinonia Service

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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