



First United Methodist Church of Corvallis

December 23, 2018

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Julia Howard and Marjorie Thornburgh who are homebound or in care centers
- Mulwale Ntambo Wa Mushidi, Church development and evangelism for United Methodist Church in Tanzania

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

**Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; Closed: noon to 1 p.m.
Closed on Fridays
541.752.2491**

We are a **Reconciling Congregation** that welcomes everyone into full participation in the life of this church! Your age, sexual orientation, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, economic situation, marital status, and physical or mental condition will enrich the fabric of our community. We accept all people as children of God.

We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The **Natural Step Framework** is our guide to Sustainability.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Barbara Nixon Pastor~revbabs2000@gmail.com~208.991.8464

Rev. Rob Kirby Campus Minister

Craig Hanson Organist/Pianist

Dr. Sandra Babb Interim Choir Director

Sarah Strobel Asst. Children's Choir Director

Beverly Park Director of Congregational Life

Scottie Love Director of Youth Ministries

Karina Ponder Childcare Coordinator

Jan Walker Lay Leader~jkwalk@comcast.net

***OUR MISSION IS to bring people into a living relationship with God,
through Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God loves the world.***

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Christmas Presence: Tighotropes and Teeter-totters

**indicates stand if you are able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Small Black Book)

Prelude

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Dietrich Buxtehude

***Greeting One Another**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you...
... and also with you.

***Opening Song**

“He Came Down”

TFWS #2085

He Came Down that we might have 1) hope 2) love 3) joy 4) peace

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

The Beamer Family

***Hymn from our Tradition**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates”

UMH #213

Now Testament

Prelude to Prayer

Please have your prayer cards ready to pass quickly to the ushers during this musical interlude.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: God of love...

We thank you for your presence...

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

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Offering

Offertory

“Or nous ditte Marie”

Nicolas Lebègue

Offering Prayer

God of love, During this season of waiting, we make this offering from our abundance, hoping we can make an offering as well with our lives. We long for both to bring more hope, love, joy and peace into your world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Offering Song**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song

“Where Children Belong”

TFWS #2233

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.

Kids and Grown-Ups Together

All children are welcome to stay for worship with their families or childcare is available for preschool through kindergarten in room 118. Special worship bags for children are outside the sanctuary entrance.

Scripture and Reflection Christmas Presence: Tightropes and Teeter-totters

Closing Song

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arranged Dan Forrest

(Choir)

Benediction

Postlude

“Noël Étranger”

Louis-Claude Daquin

You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude, but you are also welcome to leave now quietly.

Liturgist: Ponder Family

Acolytes: Maddie Fernandez and Andrew Fernandez