



December 29, 2024



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December 29, 2024  
First Sunday After Christmas

Traditional & Combined Worship

8:30am Sanctuary  
11:00am Sanctuary & Livestream

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*Whether you've attended for years or this is your first visit, please sign the pew pad and pass it down so we can get better acquainted.  
Please use the Notes section in the pew pad to register for meals and classes, or for prayer requests.*

WELCOME & PRAYER

Rev. Rachel Collins

OFFERING IN MUSIC

†HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

UMH 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,  
To love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
Crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

†GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
Mark Seals, *soloist*

†DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Jeanette Jensen, Stan Kelly

LEADER: The story of God's love, for the people God loves.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

8:30am SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Wonder As I Wander"  
Misty McComas, *soloist*

11:00am ANTHEM

"Go Tell It on the Mountain/Jesus! Oh, What a Wonderful Child"  
Chancel Choir with Kathryn Paden, *soloist*

†SERMON GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:36-38

Rev. Don Hanshew

LEADER: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for us, the people of Christ.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Increasing Intimacy with God"

Rev. Hanshew

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Hanshew

**Creator God, as you make all things new in this world, we see this in the birth and growth of children who mature into youth and move into adulthood. Allow this faith community the spirit-filled vision and ability to pour love and grace into their lives through our caring and ministries offered at FCUMC. Call persons who embody Your love into staff and volunteer roles to share the means of grace as young persons are offered a life of discipleship in Your name. Amen.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Hanshew

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,**

**We have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,**

**And we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PASTOR: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*If you would like to receive the communion elements where you are seated, please notify an usher.*

*Gluten-free communion elements are available at a separate station to prevent cross-contamination.*

†HYMN

“We Three Kings”

UMH 254

†BENEDICTION

Seth Charles,  
*Dir. Of Recovery Ministry*

†11:00am CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

†*Please rise in body or in spirit.*



The flowers adorning the pedestal this morning are given in celebration of the shared birthday on December 29 of Betty Wildman and Drew McTeer by the McTeer family.

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Don Hanshew, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Rachel Collins, *Pastor of Discipleship*  
Leslie Hill, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Kim Meade, *Pianist*  
Stephanie Wayland, *Organist*  
Kathryn Paden, *Soloist (11:00am)*  
Misty McComas, *Soloist (8:30am)*  
Mark Seals, *Dir. of Contemporary & CR Worship (11:00am)*  
Jeanette Jensen & Stan Kelly, *Lay Readers*  
Craig Holtzclaw, David Hueser, Stuart Mitchell,  
Richard Bolus & Greg Smith, *Multimedia*

**Welcome to Fountain City UMC!** We are so glad you are here today. Whether you've been attending for years or this is your first visit, we would like to get better acquainted.

### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday Morning Discipleship church-wide
- 11:00am Combined Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube

### FountainKids (K-5th) & FountainLittles (Birth-PreK)

- Miss Donna, donna.lewis@fountaincityumc.org
- KidCheck check-in kiosk at Welcome Center
- FountainKids 8:30 & 9:45am Sunday
- Kids Bible Experience 11:00am Sunday
- Kids Club Wednesdays 6:30pm *returns January 15, 2025*

### FCUMC Youth (MS 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>/HS 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- youth@fountaincityumc.org
- 9:45am Sunday Morning Discipleship, Room B17
- Wednesday Night Youth, 6:30pm OFH *returns Jan. 15, 2025*
- Sunday Night Youth, 6:30pm *returns January 2025*

### Celebrate Recovery

- Seth Charles, seth.charles@fountaincityumc.org
- Tuesdays 6:00pm Meal, Wesley Hall
- 6:30pm Worship, Gym
- 7:30pm Open Share Groups

*No CR children or youth events this Tuesday, December 31.*

### Dates for Your Calendar

- December 31 Deadline for 2024 financial gifts, 12:00pm
- January 5 Bicentennial Team, 12:00pm, Wesley Hall
- January 15 Fountain City Fellowship Resumes, 5:30pm
- Youth/Parent Resurrection Meeting, 6:30pm
- FCF Classes Resume, 6:30pm

January 24-26 Resurrection

February 8 Father-Daughter Dance

### Church Office Closures

The church office will be closed January 1 and 20, 2025.

### Poinsettia Announcement

Poinsettias in our Sanctuary may be taken today after worship by those who made dedications. Thank you for helping us to beautify our worship spaces during the season of Advent!

### 2025 Altar Flowers

Sundays in 2025 are now available for selection to sponsor altar flowers in our Sanctuary. Please contact the church office to select your Sunday. Altar flowers are a great way to honor or remember a loved one!

### Combined 11:00am Worship This Morning

This morning, we will have an 8:30am Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary. At 11:00am, we will have a combined Traditional & Journey (contemporary) worship service, also in the Sanctuary. Don't miss a great way to help our church be united around worship!

### 2025 Stewardship Commitments

It's not too late to make a financial commitment to our 2025 Ministry Fund. Commitment cards can be placed in offering plates in worship services, submitted directly to the church office, or you can scan the QR below to make your commitment online. Thank you, FCUMC, for your continued financial support of our ministries.



### Year-End Giving News

Any financial gifts for 2024 *must* be dropped off in the church office by 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31. Thank you again for your faithful and generous support of our ministries!

### Fountain City Fellowship Resumes January 15

Fountain City Fellowship, our Wednesday night meal and programming, resumes January 15. See the purple info sheets around the church for more on our programming, and watch this space and January edition of The Spirit to register for the meal! We hope to see you at 5:30pm in the Gym for Fountain City Fellowship!

### Resurrection is January 24-26

Resurrection, the annual weekend retreat of worship and spiritual growth for our youth group, is January 24-26 in Pigeon Forge. Registration is now open-scan the QR code below to register!



***Thank you, FCUMC, for a wonderful 2024!  
Prayers for a blessed 2025. Happy New Year!***

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### Don Hanshew, Senior Pastor

pastor.don@fountaincityumc.org

#### Rachel Collins, Pastor of Discipleship

pastor.rachel@fountaincityumc.org

#### Pastor On Call After Hours & Weekends

Text or Call 865-689-7894

#### Regular Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm



In Person  
or Mail In



Online/Mobile  
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***Your Giving Matters!***

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### *Save The Date!*

Father Daughter Dance

February 8, 2025

In the FCUMC Gym