



**January 12th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | First Sunday
after Epiphany**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

The Love of God | Jason W. Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

But there is only one Spirit.

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

But it is the same Lord we all serve.

There are many activities we can do to serve God:

teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

But all these are activated by God.

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit
in the world.

It is impossible to list them all.

To say that one is better than another is foolish.

God gives to each as God chooses.

Thanks be to God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 732

Come We That Love the Lord | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

HYMN 334 †

Sweet, Sweet Spirit | United Methodist Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me– the Bible tells me so.

CHILDRENS TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Kaye Burton

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds | Kenneth T. Koche

Chancel Choir, Tim Bartlett Soloist

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

The Gift of Self

Courageous Gifts Part 1

qcr on mr c"s n"s qc"v n qb

OFFERTORY

Emory Molitor, Kelley Ponder

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester | L.J. White

DOXOLOGY 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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

FUMCLR WELCOME STATEMENT †

You are a child of God created in the Divine Image. You are welcomed, affirmed, and included at First Church, not despite, but because of your age, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This is how the Holy Spirit works: when you are welcomed, all are welcomed. When all are welcomed and embraced as the Body of Christ, the world is transformed into a place where all of God's Children can **THRIVE, finding the Trust, Health, Relationship, Imagination, Value, and Education they need.**

We are all children of God. Thanks be to God!

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

CLOSING HYMN 152 †

I Sing the Almighty Power of God | United Methodist Hymnal

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

Chancel Choir

The Lord Bless and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

Festive Proclamation | Jason W. Krug

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 12, 2025

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Youth Group
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, January 13, 2025

9:00 am Flower Girls
1:00 pm Community Café
6:30 pm Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:15 pm FANN
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

9:30 am CDC Chapel
1:00 pm Community Café