

Christmas Eve

7 and 11pm, Candlelight First United Methodist Church

Gathering

Prelude	
<i>The light of Christ comes into the sanctuary.</i>	Acolytes
<i>“A People in Darkness”</i>	
Welcome, Greeting and Announcements	Rev. White
Opening Words	Rev. White
Entrance of the Baby Jesus	Marissa White
Lighting the Christ Candle	7pm The Moulton Family 11pm The O’Hara Family
Bidding Prayer	Worship Leader

Leader: We gather together to remember the incarnation of our Lord but first, since it would please Christ, let us offer prayers for our community and world. Please join me now in prayer.

People: Lord God, open our hearts and minds to the truth that you are with us. Tonight we pray for those across Winchester and Fredrick County for whom this night is one of toil rather than celebration and worship. Grant that those working to ensure the public health and safety know your abiding presence. May those struggling emotionally feel surrounded by your gentle love. Bestow your healing mercies on those struggling against physical maladies. Give those struggling with addictions your power and strength. Allow the poor to be comforted by your servants on earth. We also pause, in the midst of this sacred season, to reflect on the world that you created and for which your son gave his life. We pray for our armed forces around the world that they may be enveloped by your protective arms. We ask that, by your Spirit, their loved ones may be comforted as they wait patiently.

Grant that the time will come when, “Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” These things we pray in the name of the incarnate God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn	“Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus”	#196(UMH)
First Lesson	Genesis 2:15-17 (Creation and Sin)	
Hymn	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	# 221(UMH) (stz. 1-2)
Second Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-3 (The Promise of a Savior)	
Hymn	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	# 216 (UMH) (stz. 1-2)
Proclamation and Response		
<i>“The Light Comes Into the World”</i>		
Third Lesson	Luke 1:26-31 (An Angel Visits Mary)	
*Hymn	“What Child Is This?”	# 219 (UMH) (stz. 1-2)
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:1-5 (Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem)	
*Hymn	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	# 230 (UMH) (stz. 1-2)
Fifth Lesson	Luke 2:6-20 (The Birth of Jesus)	
Sermon	“This Will Be a Sign”	Rev. White
Offering		
Offertory	“The Yearning”	The Chancel Choir
Doxology		
*Hymn	“Joy to the World”	# 246 (UMH) (stz. 1-2)
Thanksgiving and Communion	# 12 (UMH)	

Departing to Serve

"The Light Shines in the World"

Sixth Lesson John 1:1-5, 9-14 (The mystery of incarnation)

Entrance of the Holy Family

7pm Marissa White & Brady Spaid

11pm Marissa White & Hunter Gronlund

Anthem "Here With Us" Danielle Brown

*Hymn "Silent Night" # 239 (UMH)

*Closing Prayer and Blessing Rev. White

God of love and light, as we consider the mystery of the incarnation, turn us inward to your Holy Spirit. As we consider the nature of your divine power, turn us outward to the needs of this broken, but beautiful world. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.



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The Grumpy Shepherd Children's Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, First United Methodist Church
Gathering

Welcome and Announcements	Rev. White
*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"	#234 (UMH)
Entrance of the Baby Jesus	Marissa White
Lighting the Christ Candle	The Brown Family
Bidding Prayer	
Leader: We gather together to remember the birth of Jesus but first, since it would please Him, let us offer prayers for our community and world. Please join me now in prayer.	

(Adults please pray the boldly printed prayer in unison.)

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Proclamation and Response

"What's Christmas all About?"	Rev. White
Scripture Reading Luke 2:6-20	Linus
Offering Our Gifts	
*Hymn "The First Noel"	#245 (UMH)
Introduction	Rev. White
Entrance of the Holy Family	Brady Spaid & Marissa White

Children's Drama: "The Grumpy Shepherd"

Anthem "Here With Us"	Danielle Brown
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Sending Forth

*Hymn "Silent Night"	#239 (UMH)
Benediction	
Narrator: Sandy Burkhart	
Joram: Greg Bowman	
Obed: Alex St. Amand	
Josiah: Andy Kiser	
Gabriel: Janie Dickens- Bowman	
The Heavenly Host: Naleah Seabright & Kennedy Spaid	
Joseph: Brady Spaid	
Mary: Marissa White	
Video Projection: Robby Baccary	

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Sunday morning worship services are 8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am.

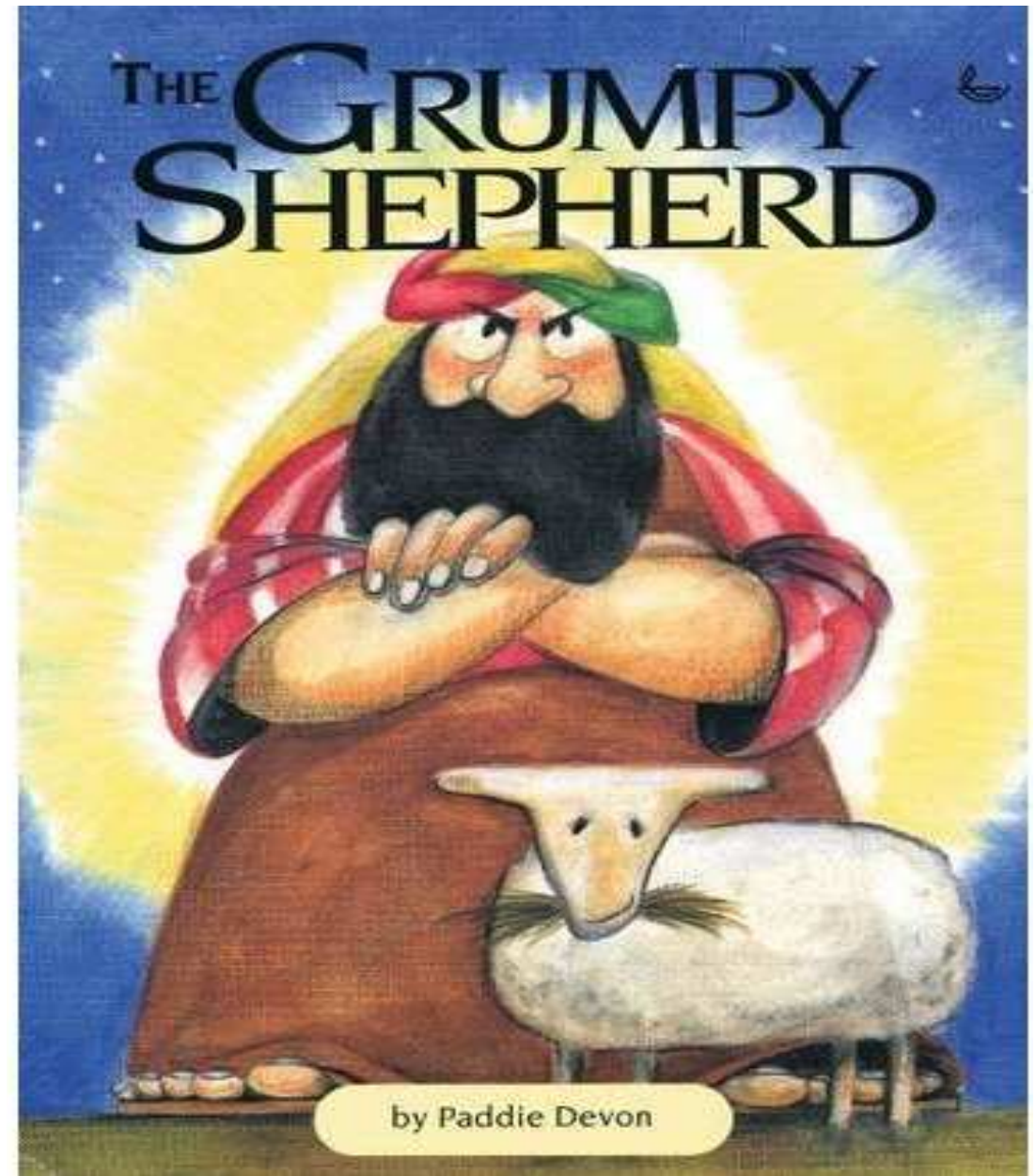
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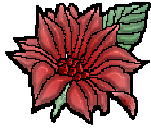
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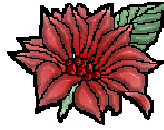
Melinda Russell, Hand Bell Choir Director
Jim Harmon, Music Director
Melinda Russell, Children's Choir Director

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening. We welcome you to First United Methodist Church and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Merry Christmas!





Poinsettias



The following poinsettias were given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

*Our Parents and Grandparents
Given by: The Gronlund Family*

*Robert Taylor
Given by: Mary Lou Taylor*

*Preston Licklider, Jr. & Gus Almarode
Given by: Terry, Wes & Cody Licklider*

*Joanna & Joe White
Given by: Will, Donna, Joe & Ben White*

*Jim & Louise Harris
Given by: Will, Donna, Joe & Ben White*

*My husband, Denny Lee
Given by: Shelly Lee & Jean Moyer*

*My father James D. Moyer
Given by: Shelly Lee & Jean Moyer*

*Melinda's mother Kay Farrar
Given by: John & Melinda Russell*

*John's parents John & Eileen Russell
Given by: John & Melinda Russell*

*My husband Ed
Given by: Sandy Burkhart*

*My dad, Les Smail
Given by: Sandy Burkhart*



The following poinsettias were given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

*Our Parents
Given By: Mary Lou & Tom Rissler*

*Courtney Lowe
Given By: Clara & Debbie Lowe*

*William "Bill" Bowman
Given By: Greg, Janie, Isabella & Olivia*

*George Grube
Given By: Dick & Louise Shickle*

*Lester Shickle
Given By: Dick & Louise Shickle*

*Forrest Racey
Given By: Dick & Louise Shickle*

*Lela & Richard Cooper
Given By: Harold & Reba Cooper and Richard, Victoria & Katie Cooper*

*Larry L. Cooper
Given By: Harold & Reba Cooper and Richard, Victoria & Katie Cooper*

*Eugene Dicks
Given By: Alice Dicks*

*Rev. John Dyksen
Given By: Charles Greeb, Jr.*

*Patricia C. Greeb
Given By: Charles Greeb, Jr.*





The following poinsettias were given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

*Tiffany N. Dick, Robert M. Dick & Roland E. Pugh
Given By: Bobby & Brenda Dick*

*Lewis M. Costello
Given By: Andy, Lyda, Hugh & Jonathan Kiser, Stephanie & Caitlin Bitto*

*Jane & Bill Morris and Jenny & John Shepard
Given By: John, Pat & Bryon Shepard*

*Douglas & Elizabeth Linaburg
Given By: Denny & Pam Linaburg and family*

*Coral L. Custer
Given By: Phyllis & Colin Steele*

*My parents Guy & Ruth Bott
Given By: Phyllis & Colin Steele*

*Betty McCune
Given By: Lisa & Andrew Allder*

*Patty Akers
Given By: Lisa & Andrew Allder*



The following poinsettias were given to the Glory of God and in honor of:

Our Parents

Given by: The Gronlund Family

*In honor of Pastor Will's birthday
Given by: Donna, Joe & Ben White*

The McGaffick Family

Given by: John & Melinda Russell

The Corbett Family

Given by: John & Melinda Russell

*John, Cindy, Emma, Noah, Charlie & Elizabeth
Given by: John & Melinda Russell*

Zeke & Ezra Wilfong

Given by: Adam & Amy Wilfong

Joy Costello

Given By: Adam & Amy Wilfong, Daniel, Sam, and Ethan Costello

Mrs. Sandra Baker

Given By: Charles Greeb, Jr.

Joy Costello

Given By: Andy, Lyda, Hugh & Jonathan Kiser, Stephanie & Caitlin Bitto

Emily Kiser

Given By: Andy, Lyda, Hugh & Jonathan Kiser, Stephanie & Caitlin Bitto

Mary Everline

Given By: Daughter Lois

A Christmas Prayer



Dear Lord, Let Us Not Forget.

Let us not forget the many loved ones and friends that are not with us in body, but spirit this Christmas.

Let us not forget those who are homeless, cold, and hungry.

Let us not forget those who feel unloved and hopeless.

Let us not forget our men and women who are serving our country.

Let us not forget those who have given their lives for our freedom, or are in a hospital recovering from wounds received while protecting us.

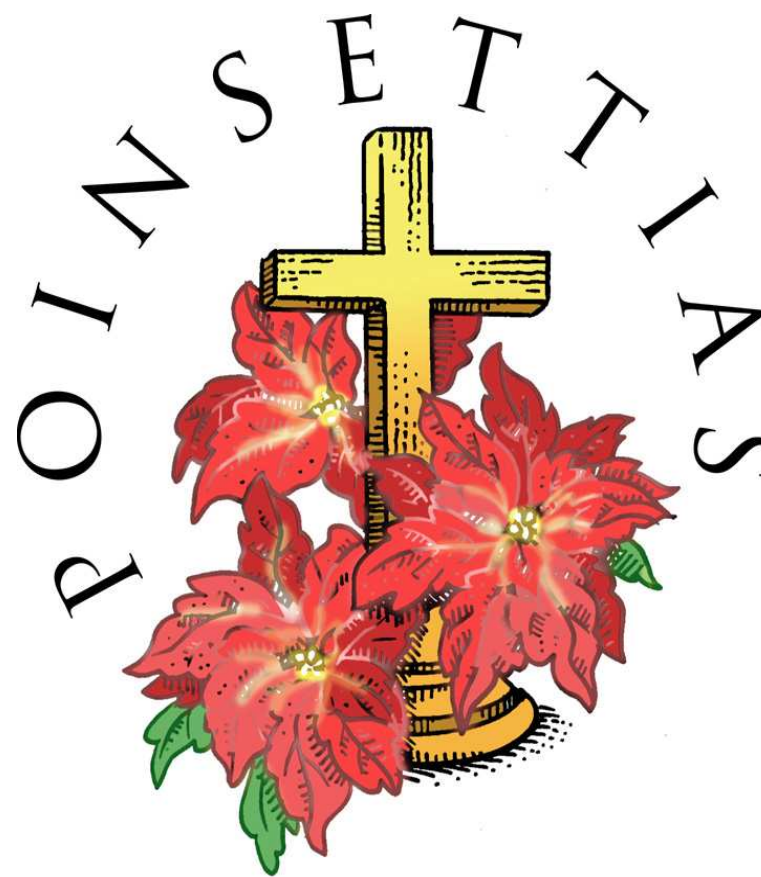
Let us not forget the many children who are hungry, not cared for, and forgotten.

Let us not forget those who lead our country and our church.

Let us not forget our many blessings this Christmas.

Most of all, dear Lord, let us not forget the incredible love you have shown for us by sending your only Son Jesus Christ to save us.

Amen.



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