

## ***First United Methodist Church***

308 North Braddock St.\*Winchester VA 22601\*540-662-3151

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Children's Christmas Eve, 5pm, 2009

*As you arrive, please ask an usher for a glow stick for your child. Adults please ask the ushers for candles.*

### **Welcome, Announcements and Greeting**

Rev. White

### **Advent Wreath Lighting**

**\*Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" #234 (UMH stz. 1-3)

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**Leader:** After counting the weeks of Advent, we have come to Christmas Eve.

**People:** We have been waiting for the light to illumine our darkness.

Leader: Through Christ, the light comes into the world.

**People:** Shine into our lives, Lord Jesus.

**Anthem** "K-I-N-G" First UMC, Children's Choir

**Prayers for the World and our Children** Rev. White

**\*Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 (UMH)

**The Christmas Offering** Susie Brown

*Loose offering tonight will be used to support the mission, facility and staff expenses of First United Methodist Church. Offerings placed in envelopes will only be used to provide scholarships for the Discovery Preschool. If you do not have an envelope, you may write Discovery preschool on the memo portion of your check.*

### **Doxology**

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

*After the scripture reading, all of the children are invited to come forward for the message for children and adults.*

### **Message**

**"The Transformation of the Grinch"**

Rachel Carson and Rev. White

*After the message, the children who are not part of the children's choirs are invited to return to their seats. All children are invited to "crack" their glow sticks at this time.*

### **Children's Choirs**

First UMC and Discovery Preschool

*Children who are part of the First United Methodist Church or Discovery Preschool Choirs are invited to remain in their places to lead the singing of Silent Night. After the children sing the first verse, the entire congregation is invited to join in the remaining verses of Silent Night, # 239 in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

### **Christmas Blessing**

Rev. White

*Parents may pick up remaining children and children may return to their seats. As you leave this evening, please be sure to pick up a candy cane for your child with the "story of the candy cane" attached.*

### **Postlude**

"Joy to the World"

Wayne Corbett

## Upcoming Events To Make Note Of

Church Office closed Dec. 25, 28, 29, 31 & Jan. 1.

Blood Drive January 5 noon to 6:00 pm

Confirmation begins Sunday, January 17th at 9:45 am

Confirmation Retreat January 29 & 30

## Serving in Worship Next Week Sunday, December 27

Lectors:        8:30    available  
                     11:00    Jill Barker  
Flowers:                available  
Acolytes:        8:30    Matthew Ours & Marissa Wiley  
                     11:00    Grant Johnson & Mitchell Johnson

## Church Staff

Will White, Pastor        Home- **662-4706**    email: pastorwill@fumcwinchester.org  
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Jennifer White, Treasurer  
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Deborah MacKnight, Preschool Director        Preschool Office    **665-1696**

## Music Ministry

Wayne Corbett, Music Director & Organist  
Melinda Russell, Hand Bell Choir Director  
Gary Fisher, Choir Director  
Wayne Corbett & Melinda Russell Children's Choir Directors

## First United Methodist Church

Children's Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2009



Isaiah 11:6  
“...and a little child will lead  
them.”

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