



December 15, 2024  
8:30 am

**Prelude** – Cindy White - Silent Night, Christmas Medley arr. Stickles, Joy to the World arr. N. Johnson

**Welcome and greeting** - Pastor Dave York

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

**People: We wait as people of God's promise.**

Leader: The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

**People: We listen as people of God's promise.**

Leader: Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

**People: We follow as God's people.**

**Opening Hymn** – O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234 v. 1-3

**Advent Candle Lighting** - Joy Defrees and Trudy Holyfield

**Middle Hymn** – Light One Candle Verses 1-3

**Choir Anthem** – “Rejoice! Christ is Born” by Shackley; Cindy White directing; Jan Mix, accompanist

**Old Testament reading** – Micah 5:2-5a

**Gospel reading** – Luke 1: 39-45

**Sermon** – Friends of Every Age

**Apostles Creed**

**Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

**Next Steps, Offering and Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** – God of promises and joy, receive our gifts that we return to you. Bless our lives as a holy and living sacrifice that we may be signs of hope for others in need. AMEN

**Closing Hymn** – Hark the Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

**Benediction**



THIRD  
**SUNDAY** OF  
*Advent*

tonight at 6 pm for dinner, Bible study, and fun. For details, email Kristen, khowell@fumclvks.org. Fusion 56 is for 5th & 6th grade students. They meet today at noon for a Christmas party. Contact Nancy for info, nshade@fumclvks.org.



You're invited to lunch at Pullman Place Restaurant, 230 Cherokee St, on Tuesday, December 17 at noon. Great food and fellowship.

The Spouse Grief Share Group meets Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 2 pm. All Grief Share groups are open to the community, so share this information with anyone who is grieving. For info, contact Marsha, marshagaffin@gmail.com.



Each year we deliver cookie bags to first responders who work the holiday to keep our community safe. We'll pack the cookie bags for them on Wed., Dec. 18 at 1 pm. Please bring your cookies to the church office by Dec. 18. Thank you.

The First Presbyterian Church, 407 Walnut St. is having a special Blue Christmas service on Wed. Dec. 18 at 6 pm for anyone grieving or lonely this holiday season. Everyone is welcome.



Men are invited to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, December 21 at 8 am. For more info, contact Mike at hairy mule@gmail.com or Dave at dlandis@hughes.net.

Christmas Eve we'll have two identical services at 5:30 & 7:00 pm. The Leavenworth Brass ensemble will play in between at 6:30 pm.



We will have one united worship service at 8:30 am on Dec. 29.

Samaritan's Buffet will be serving Dec. 28. They need volunteers and desserts. If you can help, contact Linda at Linda.landzettel@gmail.com.



Trinity House is a food pantry and clothing closet at 2101 10th Ave. They need warm clothing that is gently used and food donations. Drop off times are Tues-Thurs from 10 am to 1 pm. Call (012) 682 7474 for details.

12:00 pm Let's Do Lunch at Pullman Place  
2:00 pm Spouse Grief Share

**Wednesday, December 18**

9:00 am Prayer Group  
1:00 pm Pack Christmas Eve Cookie Bags  
3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday  
6:00 pm Blue Christmas, 1st Presbyterian  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 20**

6:00 pm Grand Christmas, Harvest Church

**Saturday, December 21**

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast



Online giving is available at [fumclvks.org/give](http://fumclvks.org/give) or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at [sshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:sshade@fumclvks.org).



Each Christmas, we take a special offering to help people in need. This year in addition to Samaritan's Buffet, we're giving to Global Hope. They have orphanages in Romania, Kenya and India. Please use the Christmas envelope or mark your check.



Unity in the Community and Harvest International church are hosting a Christmas Dinner. They'll be giving hats and gloves.