

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025

9:05 a.m. worship

First United Methodist Church

1610 Prince St., Conway, AR 72034 501-329-3801

Sunday worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary 9:05 a.m., Great Hall www.conwayfumc.org

+ SONG

"Make Us One" (arr. Jesus Culture) Quilala/Ri. Jackson/ Ra. Jackson/Silverberg

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Wreath Lighters: Destiny Elms, Zeke Huddleson and Jake Muse

+ SONG "Lead Me To The Cross"

Fraser

(arr. Hillsong United)

OFFERTORY You can give in these ways:

or

Text "Give" to 501-500-5335

Place Cash or Check in offering plate **or** Scan Here

SONG

"Simple Kingdom" (arr. Brian & Katie Torwalt)

B. Torwalt/Carnes/ K. Torwalt/Duncan

+ SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON "A Christmas Worth Believing: Turning"

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

"He Is Exalted"

Paris

(arr. Shane & Shane/The Worship Initiative)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, as we offer an "Open Table." Communion will be served via intinction, where you will be given a piece of bread and invited to dip it into the cup. Bread free of all major allergens (including gluten, wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, corn, yeast, and soy) is available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



HAPPENINGS



Dec. 7, 2025



11 a.m., Sanctuary

3 p.m., Great Hall 5 p.m., Great Hall 7 p.m., Sanctuary Carols, Candles & Communion



Longest Night Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Chapel

Join us as we remember we are not alone and find peace in the presence of Christ among us.

O Day of Peace

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Sanctuary

Join us for this annual offering of sacred music, Holy Scripture, and prayer as we anticipate with longing expectation to gaze into the manger of Bethlehem and see there the infant face of our salvation, the promised One of ages.

Poinsettia Fund Donations

The Worship Committee invites you to memorialize or honor someone special to you this Christmas season by contributing to the Poinsettia Fund. All those in whose name a gift is given and the donors will be listed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, Dec. 21. Any donation amount is appreciated.

Donations must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 17, for names to be printed in the bulletin.

There are two ways to donate:

- * Fill out a copy of the printed form and make your check payable to First United Methodist Church. Copies of the form are available at the church office or by email from cholt@conwayfumc.org.
- * Donate online at www.conwayfumc.org under the "Give Online" button. Choose the "poinsettia fund" option; please include in the note section the names of those you are honoring or memorializing, and the correct way you want your name listed.

This year, donations to the Poinsettia Fund will be distributed to Hope Village, an initiative of City of Hope Outreach (CoHo) to tackle the issue of homelessness.



If you ordered greenery from the Music Department, it is ready to be picked up. It can be picked up on Sunday mornings, on Wednesday evening during MidWeek and during regular church office hours.

Donations for Staff Christmas Gifts

Each year at this time, the congregation of First United Methodist Church expresses appreciation to the pastoral, administrative and program staff in this church by making a Christmas gift donation.

There are several ways to contribute:

- Put a check in the red gift box in the hospitality area of the Sanctuary building.
- Mail your donation to the church at 1610 Prince St., Conway, AR 72034.
- Donate online by scanning the QR code below. Note the gift in the space below the Special Giving area.



The gift for the staff will be collected through Sunday,

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All donations will be used for staff gifts. Please join us in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the great staff at Conway FUMC.