

**First United Methodist Church  
Andover**

And God is able to  
make all grace  
*overflow*  
to you, so that in all  
things at all times,  
having all that you need,  
*you will abound*  
in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

3801 Polo Club Blvd.  
Lexington, KY. 50509

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

# Service of Morning Worship

January 19, 2025

PRELUDE *On Eagle's Wings; Joncas, arr. Carter*

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 644

***Jesus, Joy Of Our Desiring***

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.

**People: How precious is your unfailing love O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights. For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.

**People: Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you; give justice to those with honest hearts.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\* GLORIA PATRI MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62:1-5, NLT

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*There are several ways you can give financially.*  
1) *Online at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org); 2) In the offering plates as they are passed; 3) By mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507*

*We would love to know how we can pray with and for you. Prayer requests can be submitted using prayer cards in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn of prayer later in worship. They will be taken to our prayer chapel, where they will be prayed over by one of our Prayer Intercessors and then added to our prayer list for prayer throughout the week.*

OFFERTORY

***Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing;  
Tune Nettleton, arr. Hayes***

\* 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.**

HYMN OF PRAYER

No. 111

***How Can We Name A Love***

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11, NLT

ANTHEM

***For The Beauty Of The Earth; Rutter***

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*At this time children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Kid's Worship. This is a time of worship geared to our young ones. We do welcome children to remain in worship with their families. We want to support families in whatever works best for you!*

\* GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11, NRSV

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good

wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## SERMON

## INVITATION

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## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**People:** **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All:** **Glory to God. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 114

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

## \* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Postlude In C; Purcell, arr. Birchwood**

\* Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Brandon McGinnis  
 Liturgists: Jake Tecau, Darren Wallace  
 Kids Worship: Darren Wallace  
 Minister of Music: Janell Hamilton  
 Choir Accompanist: Susan Jones

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ANDOVER LEADERSHIP TEAM

Brad Rudolph	Brandon McGinnis, Pastor
Darren Wallace	Donna Thompson
Jake Tecau	Jan Colbert
Jan Gerdorn	Janell Hamilton
Kathy Edwards	Marilyn Mitchell, Lay Leader
Ruthi Sims	Susan Monohan

**Andover Attendance & Stewardship**

Full financial details can be found monthly in the Friday email newsletter

Last Week's Attendance.....	75
Average Attendance, Last Four Weeks .....	89
Giving Received Last Week .....	\$7,311
Year-to-Date Received.....	\$9,745

## Announcements

### Book Study – Following Jesus

Join us to study Henri Nouwen's *Following Jesus. Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety*. Transcribed and edited from Nouwen's teachings, the book considers why and how Christianity is still relevant to our modern world. Please pick up a copy from your favorite bookseller and plan to join us for the study starting on Friday, January 17 at 12:00 PM.

### Thursday Bible Study – The Letters of Peter and John

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM for Bible Study. For the beginning of the spring semester, we will look at the letters of 1,2 Peter and 1,2,3 John. We will walk through these letters step by step as we explore these letters of encouragement and challenge for followers of Jesus. You don't have to come every week, but we hope you will! We will start on Thursday, January 23 at 10:00 AM.

### Andover Altar Flowers for 2025

Make your reservations here to provide altar flowers for our services in 2025. Payment can be made securely online, you can put a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (please note Altar Flowers and your chosen date in the memo line). If you have questions, please contact Ryan Barr (ryan@lextogether.org).



### Three Ways to Find More Information

- 1) If you have an Apple or Android phone or tablet, we have an app. Search your app store for "Church Center." Once you have it installed it will ask you to find your church. Look for "First United" in the "40509" and it will be the first church that comes up!
- 2) From a web-browser visit <https://1stumc.churchcenter.com/>
- 3) We have updated our website itself to link directly to everything we are doing. Visit us at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org)