

**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, February 2, 2025**

# Service of Morning Worship

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE *Open Your Heart and Let The Sunshine In;  
Hamblen, arr. Bock*

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Gather Us In*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

Leader: God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

**People: The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.**

Leader: The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.

**People: Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.**

Leader: They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.

**People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

\* 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27, NLT

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*There are several ways you can give financially.*

*1) Online at 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

***In The Name Of The Lord; Helvering, arr. Ham***

\* 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. 349

***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*** (2 Times)

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.**

ANTHEM

***How Deep The Father's Love For Us;  
Townend, arr. Shackley***

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

Luke 4:14-21, NRSV

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee,  
and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

## 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. 670

***Go Forth For God***

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***To Thee, Great One In Three; Giardini, arr. Blake***

\* Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Brandon McGinnis  
Liturgists: Jake Tecau, Darren Wallace  
Children's Moment: Brad Rudolph  
Kids Worship: Joni Meade  
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 .....	79
Average Attendance, Last Four Weeks .....	80
Giving Received Last Week.....	\$6,308
Year-to-Date Received .....	\$18,347

## Announcements

### **Second Sunday Serve Partner Donations**

Various items are needed at several of our Serve Partner locations. Rather than doing a collection for each Serve Partner one at a time, our Andover Serve Team invites you once a month to bring an advertised household item. After our Sunday morning worship service, these items will be divided and distributed to our Serve Partners. On February 9th, we invite you to bring men's deodorant and paper towels. Full size or travel size are welcomed. If you buy a multi-pack, that's okay because we can divide those packs between our Serve Partners who requested such items. We believe this is an easy and helpful way to provide something that is always needed and useful.

### **Soup R Bowl Potluck!**

Join us after church on Sunday, February 16, for a warm and delicious Soup R Bowl Potluck! Bring your favorite chili (spicy or mild) or a soup to share with everyone. Don't forget to bring a hungry appetite, maybe even a favorite topping or side to go with your dish, and of course, don't forget the desserts! See you there! Drinks will be provided.

### **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.

### **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)