Prelude Phil Haga, soloist Betty Curtis, accompanist Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord..... Night of Miracles by J.W. Peterson

Words of Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

UM Discipleship Resources

Emmanuel, God-with-us, your light lifts up our hearts, our spirits, and our voices. We give you thanks for your birth long ago and presence with us always. Your hope is more trustworthy than our promises. Your peace is deeper than our prayers. Your joy teaches us to sing even when we want to cry. Your love is wider than the chorus of the galaxies, and yet your Star shines on us now in this church which has become a manger. Amen.

Hymn of PraisePhil HagaHark! the Herald Angels SingUMH 240

At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.

Doxology UMH 95

First Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Special Music vocal trio by Casey Irwin, Blake Irwin and Phil Haga *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Betty Curtis accompanist

Prayer Concerns Rev. Casey Irwin

Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Responsive Song Prepare the Way of the Lord

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Anthem Phil Haga, soloist Betty Curtis, accompanist And There Were in the Same Country..... Night of Miracle by J.W. Peterson

Sermon

Welcome Home Rev. Casey Irwin

Hymn of Benediction

Silent Night UMH 239

Benediction

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Announcements

Choir rehearsal will resume after worship on Sunday, January 7th.

Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume in January, date TBA. Wednesday night Bible Study will resume at Virginia Avenue on January 3rd.

John Wesley UMC is hosting an MLK Prayer Breakfast with Lee Andrews at the Delta Marriott in Bristol, VA on Saturday, January 27th from 10 am - 1 pm. Tickets are on sale at their church until January 7th- \$35 for adults, \$10 for students.

Still looking for last minute gifts? Give the gift of education to one of our Haitian students in honor of your loved one. Cards to gift are available as you exit.

Church Office Hours:		Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM			
Weekly Schedule Sundays	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	First UMC Worship Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel) Chancel Choir Rehearsal AA Meeting Addilyn Memorial UMC Bible Study			
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First UMC Bible Study AA Meeting			
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study			
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting			
1st & 3rd Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Man-Hu Ministries Shabbat Worship			
Upcoming Dates					
Sunday, December	31	9:30 a.m	1	New Ye	ars Eve Worship
		7:00 p.m	۱.	AA Drop	o-in New Years Event
Wednesday, January 3		6:30 p.m	1.		Avenue UMC udy resumes
Sunday, January 7		10:45 a.	m.	Choir re	hearsal resumes
		5:30 p.m	۱.	Fresh S	tart Family Yoga
Sunday, January 14		4:00 p.m.		Trustees Meeting	
Sunday, January 21		9:30 a.m.		Dr. Alan Gorrell preaching	
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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

All are invited to this time of worshiping God as a community of faith.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.