



First United Methodist Church

Manhattan, Kansas

CONNECTING *to Christ* | GROWING *in Community* | SERVING *the World*

The Silence and the Sound

a cantata for Christmas
by Heather Sorenson

December 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at First UMC; we are glad you are here. Our expectation is that worship will be a time where your spirit will connect with God's Holy Spirit and refresh your soul. Whether this is your first time at First UMC, or you have been attending since you were a baby, you are welcome in this community of faith.

10:00 Worship - Worship Service

* Asterisk indicates to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

The First Noel
W. Sandys’ Christmas Carols, 1833
arr. Dan Forrest
Dan Myers, piano

Away in a Manger/ Angels We Have Heard on High
arr. Frank Voltz
Erin Wood, harp

Surely the Presence of the Lord
arr Scott Boisvert
Lanny Wolfe

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
4th Century Christian Hymn
arr. Kristina Langlois
Orchestrated by Scott Boisvert
The FUMC Orchestra

Welcome

Donna Voteau, Senior Pastor

Advent Wreath

Young Professionals Small Group

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
UMH 196

Offering

From a Distant Home
arr Michael Helman
Allegro Ringers; Nancy Monical, director

Online giving is available on our website in just a couple easy steps. Scan this QR code to get started or Text FUMCMHK to 73256



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Song 1.....

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Song 2.....

Come to Us

Scripture.....Luke 2

Song 3..... Sleeping Adonai
Solveig Chase, soprano

Song 4.....Angles Sing

Song 5..... Unto Us
Pyper Paddock, alto and Ronald Hill, tenor

Song 6..... Shout! Sing Hallelujah

Song 7..... Worship Christ the King

Song 8..... A Tribute of Carols

Litany farewell to our Pastor: (BOW p. 599)

Pastor Donna: I thank you, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church Manhattan, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave for spiritual renewal leave. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Pastor Donna: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your pastors, Mike and Courtney as you continue in ministry together. Let us pray: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting. We give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
F. Mendelssohn
arr. Scott Boisvert
The FUMC Orchestra



The Poinsettia on the altar is in memory of Carl Meyer by
Barbara Meyer.

Chancel Choir Members

Director: Ari Thomas

Shay Allmon
Frank Arthur
Elizabeth Bachman
Amy Bipes
Scott Boisvert
Jodi Caldwell
John Curtis
Dan Eyestone
Gail Eyestone
Keith Eyestone
Tom Fish
Mallory Golliher
Rachel Hill
Elaine Johannes
Gwen Jorgensen
Betty Juergensmeyer
Caitlyn McClatchey
Jubee Moxley
Amie Nichols
Pyper Paddock
Charlie Sargent
Scott Schlender
Kent Smith
Mike Smith
Rita Smith
Sharon Smith
Pam Stokes
TJ Tiede
Loren Wilson
Barb Wright
Keith Wright
Sue Ann Wright
Evan Wylde

Orchestra

Violins

Mara Gee
Josh Fan

Viola

Russell Clark

Cello

Dellany Torres

Bass

Treavor Heeney

Flute

Kay Lloyd

Oboe

Lucas Reed

Clarinet

Amy Guffey

Bassoon

Tom Stark

Trumpets

Gary Lloyd
Owen Genereux
Jonah Cain

French horn

Caitlyn McClatchey
Scott Boisvert

Trombone

Dan Hinman
Jared Eck

Harp

Erin Wood

Tuba

Isaac Allmon

Percussion

Steve Johannes
Brady Inman
Devon Autry

Piano

Dan Myers



Flute Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14

3:00 p.m. In the Link

**One Worship Service
Each Sunday
of Advent**

Nov. 30 - Dec. 28

*Discipleship at 9:00 am
Worship at 10:00 am
Each Sunday*



Office Will be Closed

Wednesday, December 24 – Friday, January 2

Special End of the Year Giving Hours

Monday, December 29

9:30 am – 11:30 am

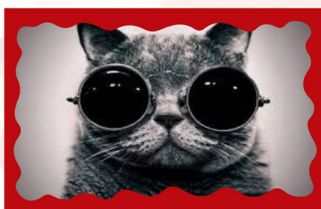


The Manhattan Ministerial Association Presents
its 3rd Annual Christmas Concert featuring

The Thundering Cats Big Band

December 17, 7 PM

**First United Methodist Church
612 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan KS**



Playing Music of the Season
arranged by Tom Kubis
*Free Will Offering for
Manhattan Free Clinic &
Shepherd's Crossing*

Monthly Financial Update November 2025

Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$930,734.24
Actual Receipts Year-to-Date	\$920,995.18
Receipts in Deficit of Expenses	-\$9,739.06

**To date the church has paid \$64,164.96 toward its
apportionment obligation of \$108,000**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MIDWEEK RENEWAL

FAITH, FRIENDS, FOOD

DINNER, WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS FOR ALL AGES

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - DINNER AND DEVOTIONAL

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - SMALL GROUP TIME



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday, December 14

- 8:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8:45 am Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Faithlinks Adult Discipleship, Library
- 9:00 am Open Door Adult Discipleship, Classroom 1/2
- 9:00 am Seekers Adult Discipleship, 3rd Floor Ed Ctr.
- 9:00 am Jesus and Me, 3rd Floor Ed Ctr.
- 9:00 am Rooted, Connecting Link
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am Farewell Reception for Pastor Donna, Connecting Link
- 3:00 pm Flute Choir Christmas Concert, Connecting Link

Tuesday, December 16

- 9:00 am Geezer Work Time, Church Campus
- 10:00 am Hybrid Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:00 am FUMC Food Pantry, Alan Lee Center
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Library
- 5:00 pm Student Ministry Bells, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Midweek Renewal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm YUM, 3rd Floor Ed Ctr.
- 6:30 pm Jesus and Me, 3rd Floor Ed Ctr.
- 6:30 pm Youth Group, 3rd Floor Ed Ctr Youth Room
- 6:30 pm Young Professionals Group, Classroom 1/2
- 7:00 pm Thundering Cats, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 18

- 10:00 am Hybrid Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall

Childcare is available in the nursery for children ranging from birth to 3 years old. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Center.

We have many other regular offerings throughout the week. Please pick up a newsletter or find out more on our church website.

With our services being streamed, you or your children may end up on video, especially during the "Word for Young Disciples." We do our very best to have no close-ups of the congregation.



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Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

or by appointment.

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