

## News and Events

**New Year's Schedule.** We will have a single service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The office will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, for New Year's Day.

**End of Year Contributions.** To qualify as a 2022 contribution, your gift must be postmarked or given by 12/31/2022. As per IRS code, we cannot accept checks dated 12/31/2022 for 2022 credit after 12/31/2022 unless it has been postmarked by 12/31/2022. The office will be open Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, until 1:30 pm.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF meets Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Our program will be "Racial Justice in our Global Community." Please join us and bring a friend with you. UWinF's Annual Recognition Sunday is January 8<sup>th</sup> at both services. Please join us as we announce and honor the 2023 Person(s) of the Year.

**Ruth Circle.** Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Lowry, 2801 Mockingbird Lane. Please join us; bring a friend with you!!.

### Please Remember:

- A. You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithely.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at [www.facebook.com/fumcark](http://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [www.youtube.com/user/fumcark](http://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [www.fumcark.org/sermons](http://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

### Ways to give to First United Methodist Church



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107 N. 9th Street



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*Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.*

# Beginning Again

## John 1:1-14

# Worship for the Lord's Day

December 25, 2022  
Christmas Day

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Welcome

## Opening Voluntary

*Away in a Manger*  
*-by Douglas Wagner*

Kay McAfee

## \*Call to Worship

Arise people of God. Make haste for joy has come to the earth

**Our hearts turn to you in praise for Jesus, the Christ, your gift to the world**

Arise people of God. Let your voices proclaim praise

**We lift up praise for the gift of Jesus Christ**

Arise people of God. Let there be pep in your step for unto us a child has been born, Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah of the world.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

## \*Hymn of Praise

*The First Noel*

UMH No. 245

## \*Apostles' Creed

UMH No. 881

## \*The Gloria Patri

UMH No. 70

**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.**

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Zeke Allen

## The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

## Hymn of Praise

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

UMH No. 224

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Zeke Allen

## Offering

## Offertory

*Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
*-by Jacob Kloppers*

Kay McAfee

## \*Doxology

UMH No. 95

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.

## \*Reading God's Word

*John 1:1-14*

## Anthem

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*  
*-by Robert MacGimsey*

Bill Higgins, baritone

## Sermon

*Beginning Again*

Rev. Zeke Allen

## \*Hymn of Response

*Joy to the World*

UMH No. 246

## \*Benediction/Blessing

Rev. Zeke Allen

## Closing Voluntary

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
*-by Henry Kihlken*

Kay McAfee

## \*Please stand if able

### Prayers

Jason Givens (Betty Bass' nephew) was struck by a car and later died from his injuries. Please keep his family in your prayers.

### Flowers

The flowers on the altar are from Lee, Rachel, and families in memory of our father, Wayne McAfee, and our aunt, Nancy Kemph. We love and miss you.

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