

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We need your help cleaning up the Sanctuary, Fellowship hall, and Kitchen. Join us January 11th. Volunteer for one room now. Please use the sign up sheet on the white board. We need YOU!

**Retreat Planning-** Pastor McCall needs volunteers to help plan the Winter Retreat. Please contact the church office about how you can help.

**District Breakthrough Prayer Meeting:** Zoom prayer meetings will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. Meeting ID: 819 2328 6708 Passcode: 015653  
**Prayer Fridays at 10:30am** in-person with **Ms. Kofa Chea** in the Chapel.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December-** Join us every Wednesday night for bible study. Revival will begin online in December for Advent.

**January 2025-** The Men's Ministry will meet on the **3rd Sunday** of each month at **9:30am in the Chapel**. We are asked to read and commit to memory **2Peter 1:3-11**.

**January 24th-26th-** Join us for Better Together retreat at Epworth By The Sea for our church retreat. Sign up sheets available in the Narthex. Call church office for additional details.

### Other Ways To Give:

**PayPal-** [donations@fumc-jax.org](mailto:donations@fumc-jax.org) ; **Zelle-** [office@fumc-jax.org](mailto:office@fumc-jax.org);  
**CashApp-** \$FUMCJAX

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Many heartfelt congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and special anniversaries in the month of December!  
May God bless you richly!

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# WELCOME

*Moving Forward Confident in Christ*

**Sunday December 29, 2024**

**First United Methodist  
Church**

**225 East Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202**

# Order of Worship

Sunday, December 29, 2024

\*=Those who are able, please stand

Rev. Tiffany McCall, Pastor      Bro. Alfred Nimely, Lay Leader

Lisa Cogdell & Doug Tillett, Liturgists      Simeon Golden, Pianist

Karen Phillips, Organist

## We Gather For Worship

**Meditation**      **Jehovah**      Pianist

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Prayer

Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. **Amen!**

### Call To Worship

L: The day foretold is coming,

**P: When our bitter mouths will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table!**

L: The one foretold is coming—

**P: Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper shared on a silent night!**

L: The day is at hand!

**P: World, feast!**

L: The savior draws near!

**P: Praise the Lord!**

**Morning Hymn**

**We Three Kings UMH #254**

**Lighting the Candles**

Acolytes

## Let us Affirm Our Church's Mission and Vision

*To be Loved Period, Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self!* **We believe in teaching gospel truths; We believe God is with us and we are the living body of Christ. We are the hands, feet, and heartbeat of God. We believe the Spirit of God calls us to freedom, and we are not free until all of us are free.**

**Glory Be to the Father**

UMH # 70

## A Service of Giving

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Bruce Jones

**(Tithes, Mission, and Public Offering**

Joy in the House of the Lord

## We Listen To The Word

**The Reading of God's Word**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Song of Preparation**

Way Maker

**Sermon**

**What's A Magi?**

Rev. Bruce Jones

## We Respond In Faith/Reaffirmation of Faith

**Song of Commitment**

**Spirit Song**

## We Depart To Serve

**\*Closing Song**

I Need You to Survive

**\*Extinguishing the Candles**

Acolytes

**Congregational Response**

Pastor and Congregation

We have come to worship **because we have a heart for God.** We leave to go into the world to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, **because we have a heart for humanity.** On mission for God: **Let's do it!**

**\*Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Postlude**

Pianist