

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

November 30, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Chorale-prelude on *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Call to Worship

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der heiden heiland

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, of heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads O gates

People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of Glory may come in

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, prepare The highway of the Lord

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God

*Opening Hymn

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

UMH 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.*

(please be seated)

First Lesson

Romans 15:7-13

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

The Gross Family

Baptism

Jennifer Heuser

UMH 33

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Offertory

Savior of the Nations, Come

Based on plainsong melody
Arr. Georgiann H. Toole

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make Earth your home,
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth
That the Lord chose such a birth.

'From the God-head forth you came,
And return unto the same,
Captive leading death and hell.
High the song of triumph swell!

You, the chosen Holy One,
Have o'er death the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?

Brightly does your manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not hate o'er cloud this light;
Ever be our faith so bright!
(Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524)

*Doxology *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Thomas Tallis, The Eighth Tune

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*A Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

UMH 184

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

Sermon

Pick and Choose

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord;
May we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

Prelude in a minor

J. S. Bach

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Barbara Bogenrife on her birthday by her family*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
Bea Riegel, Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Kim Braddock,
Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana,
Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Michael Fisher, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman,
Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser,
Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Claudia Justice,
Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller,
Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer,
Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock,
Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance,
Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training



*Sunday November 30, 2-7pm —**Old Fashioned Christmas.** We will offer a Soup & Sandwich Café to benefit the youth group, cookie decorating, crafts, live performances by LHS and LES bands/choirs.

*Tuesday, December 2, 6:30pm—Four Week **Advent Study** begins.

*Sunday, December 14, 7pm—**Sounds of the Season**— A wonderful showcase of our community's talent by the Madison County Arts Council



Men's Bible Study & Fellowship meets in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for some coffee and muffins for this and future discussions. Love in Action – Saturday, December 6. The Bible calls us to love, but love is not just an emotion—it's an action. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is more than a command; it's a way of life. Discussing love in action focuses on how we can live out the commandment to love in practical, everyday situations.

This conversation pushes us to think about how love impacts our relationships, our community, and the world around us. Please add the following 2025 dates to your calendar for the Men's Bible Study. All are welcome to join at any time! Remaining dates for 2025: 12/6, and 12/20

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Attendance—142* ~ Offering—\$2,670.62

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



**FIRST UNITED
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London, Ohio Est. 1813



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LONDON
2PM-7PM

◆ Soup & Sandwich Café

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies,
Coffee, Hot chocolate and Water—FREE WILL OFFERING

◆ Cookie Decorating, Craft Station

◆ Live Musical Performances

3:45pm

London High School Band

4:15pm

London High School and Middle School Choirs



Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server.



When you are out shopping, pick up an extra new, unwrapped toy for the annual Firefighter's Toy Drive! We are now receiving toys. There will be a trunk in the hallway near the elevator.

Sunday Leaders

Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum

David Cover

Liturgist

Don Weldon

November Ushers

Joe Brackett, Chair

David Emrick

Maryann Emrick

Lay Leader

Henry Comer

November Hospitality

David and Maryann Emrick

Children's Church

Scott Higgins Leader

Bob Minner Volunteer

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