

Celebrate

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2026

CARRYING
THE LIGHT

First
Church

Celebrate Service - January 25, 2026

WE GATHER

Welcome & Lighting of Candles

Preaching Pastor

Prelude

Centering Words

L: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

P: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

P: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

L: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

P: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

Song

"Light of the World"

Opening Prayer

WE PROCLAIM

The Message to Young Disciples

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me. "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

L: The word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Message in Music

Chancel Choir

“Let Your Light Shine”

Words & Music by Mary McDonald

WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kory Pritchett

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Kory Pritchett

Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE GO FORTH

Song

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

The Benediction

Pastor Duane Carlisle

God is our light, our hope, our all in all: Blessed be God, now and forever! Christ is our home, our life, our joy: Blessed be God, now and forever! Our worship concludes; our service continues. Blessed be God, now and forever!

The Postlude

“Firework”

By: Katy Perry

Charis Vander Plaats, Piano

Prayers

Concerns Shared

John Anderson

Judge Steve Meyer and wife Kim Meyer
All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

Active Military

As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at rkroeschen@fumcwl.org and include each military member's name and rank.

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

Soundboard:

Dustin Coolman

Band

Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Vocals

Alto:

Gail Polles

Soprano:

Anna Clark

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Light of the World

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1. You are the Light of the World, _ O Lord, and
2. You are the Bread of Life, _ O Lord, _
3. You've o - ver - come the world, _ O Lord, and



you make your ser - vant shine. _ So
bro - ken to set us free. _ So
giv - en us vic - to - ry. _ So



how could there be an - y dark - ness in me if
how could there be an - y hun - ger in me if
why could I fear _ when trou - ble is near if



you are the Light of the World? _____
you are the Bread of Life? _____
you've o - ver - come the world? _____



You are the Light of the World. _
You are the Bread of Life. _
You've o - ver - come the world. _

WORDS: Michael Card (John 6:35, 48; 9:5; 16:33)

MUSIC: Michael Card

LIGHT OF THE WORLD (CARD)

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

PROMISED COMING

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. (☺)

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

WORDS: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
 MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
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GET INVOLVED

FUMC's turn at food pantry

February is one of three months we volunteer to work at the Tippecanoe United Food Pantry, 1314 Tippecanoe St., operated by Church Women United. Contact Lynn Griffin, 765-743-8087. Volunteers needed 3:15 -6:15 PM Tuesday, Feb. 17 and 11:30 AM-2:45 PM Wednesday, Feb. 18.

There's a great video of volunteers in action at the pantry at <https://youtu.be/ZjWnxwM0Eio?si=SsDcExjV1f2DavKG>



Help Wanted!

First Sunday brunch is popular but won't serve itself. We have the cooks. We need volunteers to help set up and cleanup.

- 1 Kitchen Coordinator 8:45 to 11 AM
- 2 Kitchen Assistant, who helps the coordinator 8:45 to 11 AM
- 2 Clean Up Assistants 10:15 - 11 AM and 11-11:45 AM

All hail to our chefs Kathy Vill and Tim and Angie Delworth! Others who volunteered in January are Kristie Bishop, Jeanne and John Norberg, Marla and Bruce Carey.

Contact delworth@purdue.edu or signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49afad2fa13-first#/>



Let's Sing

Our choir would love to have you join it. They sing for us at the 11 AM services on the second and fourth Sundays, as well as Palm and Easter Sundays. Our singers rehearse weekly September through May from 7:15 to 8:15 PM. Then they offer shares and prayers from 8:15-8:30 PM, finishing up no later than 8:30 pm. They take a break from rehearsals the three weeks after Christmas and the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Contact Charis Vander Plaats, director of music and arts: cplaats@fumcwl.org



Chiming in

Don't you just love the bells! Our Aldersgate Bell Choir chimes on the third Sunday of the month and for special times such as Easter. They practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 PM during the school calendar.

There are five octaves of handbells, which means we have spots for up to 14 ringers, which is what we currently have. The director is on the lookout for substitute ringers, particularly people with experience with handbells or piano. Contact Kathy Lind, director of the bell choir: Klind1962@outlook.com, or text at 765-714-3506.

Pub theology

Looking for conversation, connection and community? Consider joining us for Pub Theology on the first Thursdays of the month. We generally rendezvous around 7 PM at local spots the group chooses. Contact Pastor Duane Carlisle or Assistant Pastor Kory Pritchett at <https://www.fumcwl.org/contact-us> or 765-743-1285.

