



# *First United Methodist Church in Downtown Erie*

*An Historic Church Serving the People of Erie*

*On the Corner of Seventh and (707) Sassafras Streets  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501*

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**January 2, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. "Light for the City" Worship**

**10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**



***OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:***

*"To share our passion for Jesus Christ with Erie's next generations."*

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## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\*Indicates the people may stand if able.*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, found on the back of the pew in front of you, and give it to an usher during the prelude.)*

#### **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING THE LIGHT:

*Bert Rodgers, acolyte*

PRELUDE:

*"Follow That Star"*

*Pam Stewart/Brad Nix*

*First United Methodist Women's Ensemble  
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

WELCOME to those listening on the radio on WERG 90.5 FM and on the web.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP :

*Rev. Howard Wright, liturgist*

*L: Darkness is banished!*

***P: God's light has come to us!***

*L: The brightness of the Star leads us!*

***P: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!***

*L: Glory be to God in the Highest!*

***ALL: And on earth, peace forever. Amen!***

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\*OPENING HYMN:

*“We Three Kings”*  
*Red Hymnal 5 Verses*  
*(Please be seated)*

No. 254

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

*Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Men, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.*

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

*“Carol of the Kings”* Ruth Elaine Schram  
*First United Methodist Women’s Ensemble*  
*Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

KIDS’ MESSAGE:

*Children 12 and under may come to the chancel area. Parents: If your little one needs some encouragement, please feel free to come and sit with them.*



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PRAYER HYMN:            *“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”*  
   *Red Hymnal 3 Verses*

No. 596

MORNING PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison):

**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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 1

THE MESSAGE

*“Blessed”*  
*Susan Bartlett, preaching*



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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERING CALL

*Please pass the Friendship Pads so all may sign and know with whom they worship today. Please return to the center aisle. Thank you!*

### OFFERTORY:

**“We Three Kings”** *arr. by Lani Smith*  
**Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist**

### \*DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here be-low;  
praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

### \*THE OFFERING PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

**“The First Noel”** *No. 245*  
***Red Hymnal 5 Verses***

### \*BENEDICTION

*Susan Bartlett*

### \*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

**“Emmanuel”** *No. 204*

### \*POSTLUDE:

**“Noel ancien”** *Henri Doyen*  
**Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist**



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**Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ *We thank God for your presence this morning with us!* If you are a **visitor or college student**, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** found in the attendance pad on the pew at the center aisle and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to take a **Welcome Brochure**.
- ◆ **Children** are important to us and we strive to include them in worship. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for quiet activity during the service. A children's message is offered during the service, please come forward when invited by the pastor. Also, a staffed nursery is available for children.
- ◆ **Restrooms** are located on the lower level, below the sanctuary, or upstairs in the lobby of Oxford Center (through the door to the left of the chancel). Accessible restrooms are on the first floor (level L) near the elevator.
- ◆ **Personal listening devices are available for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service!** You may use a headset provided by the church or plug your own headset (with a 1/8" audio jack) into one of the church's portable receivers. Please see an usher for assistance.
- ◆ *As we come to the end of 2021, FUMC would like to once again thank each and every one of you for your generosity this past year in supporting our general budget ministry, the numerous building improvement projects and our local and global mission drives. We are a church together because of your generosity and support. As we are about to begin 2022, please remember to fill out your PLEDGE CARD!! They can be placed in the offering plates during worship or mailed to the church office. These are vitally important as we review the prior year and look forward to the new year and how to build our budget for 2022. Prayerfully consider how God's leading you to give to God through our church, so our church may continue to minister to our community.*

## Two Week Calendar

January 2, 2022 to January 15, 2022

<i><b>This Week</b></i>				<i><b>Next Week</b></i>			
<b>Jan Sun</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children  <b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship <b>1:30 pm</b> Victory Church/Oxford		<b>Jan Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children  <b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship <b>1:30 pm</b> Victory Church/Oxford	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3</b>	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)		<b>Mon</b>	<b>10</b>	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4</b>	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class  7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)		<b>Tue</b>	<b>11</b>	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class  7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5</b>	10:00 am Book Study		<b>Wed</b>	<b>12</b>	10:00 am Book Study	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6</b>	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall		<b>Thu</b>	<b>13</b>	12 Noon Finance Meeting 7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>Fri</b>	<b>14</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>Sat</b>	<b>15</b>		

**Prayer List:**

Ryan Raybuck (Medical issues) Priscilla Ferebee (heart issues), Tina Iddings, Carol Lee Restifo, (medical issues), Valerie Radtke (medical issues). Adam and Amanda Sturgis (Flo Sturgis' grandson and granddaughter-in-law). Ida Sweet and Joyce Mayer (medical issues) Louise Stewart & those suffering from loneliness. Jim Schemer (covid and double pneumonia).

**In the Military:** Michael Reim, Alec Nolan, Cody Nolan, Ben Rea, Dustin Witsch

**Flowers on the altar:**

**Greeter at Brauns Doors: Karen Lott-Mahler**

<b>10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:</b>			<b>Birthdays this week</b>	
	This Week	Next Week	01/01	Durga Devi Bista
<b>Liturgist</b>	Howard Wright	Eric Arndt	01/03	Karen Downs
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bert Rodgers	Val Rodgers		
<b>Projectionist</b>	Azath Siwakoti	Elliott Arndt		
<b>Sound</b>	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers		

**Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, DVD, & Podcast:** Worship with us live on-line at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/) or after-the-fact on the church's **YouTube** channel. Or listen to the entire 10:30 a.m. service tonight on Gannon radio **WERG 90.5 FM** at 7:00 p.m. also simulcast on the radio station's live web feed. Or receive via mail a **DVD** of the 10:30 a.m. service by contacting the church office. Or listen to recent sermons at anytime on the church's **Podcast page:** [fumcerie.podbean.com](https://www.fumcerie.org/podcast).

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