

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Baptism • Renewal of Baptismal Vows • Installation of Leaders • January 8, 2017



And a voice from heaven said,
“This is my Son, the Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased.”
—Matthew 3:17

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Patricia Farris

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto No. 1 in G minor* (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#605 United Methodist Hymnal — Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body which has many parts.

It is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.

Together, we are Christ's body, and each one is part of it.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“To him who was and is and shall be evermore, one faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. *Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Robert English

#2233 The Faith We Sing – Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

BAPTISM William Benson Scott (see insert)

I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.

As the congregation sings, the children may go to their Sunday School classes.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 3, N.T.)

Michael Lamb

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "Be the Hope"

Rev. Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Parents respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Robert English

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from the beginnings of Christianity, Baptism has been seen as our entrance into the family of faith. We believe that Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. It is through this grace that we enter into a special relationship with Christ and are inheritors of the promise of eternal life. Those who receive this sacrament are marked as disciples of Jesus and are part of the fellowship of the universal Christian church. We believe that Jesus has expressly given a place for children to be counted among God's people; it is a privilege which should not be denied them. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **WILLIAM BENSON SCOTT** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents)*

Rev. Patricia Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

We do.

Rev. English

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Rev. Farris

Will you nurture William in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

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(To the Congregation)

Michael Lamb

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

BAPTISM

Rev. English

WILLIAM BENSON

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verses 1 & 2)

INTRODUCTION

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Michael Lamb

Your generous gifts support the ministries and outreach of the church. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also place your Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card in the offering plate. Give online at any time at www.santamonicaumc.org or by using the QR code in the insert. Credit cards are now accepted at the Sunday Hospitality Table during Coffee Fellowship. Thank you. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts.

THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

At the River (adapted by Aaron Copland)

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels' feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God. Yes we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Yes we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Michael Lamb

We give you thanks, O God. May our offering honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. Amen.

* BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

#2247 TFWS – Wonder of Wonders

#2218 TFWS – You Are Mine

#2117 TFWS – Spirit of God

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2017 FIRST UMC LEADERS (see insert)

 WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #2238 TFWS – In the Midst of New Dimensions

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Hornpipe from Water Music Suite (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward

Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world. You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.

—This morning we will observe our annual service of Baptismal Renewal. If you have not been baptized and would like to explore its meaning for your life, please talk with one of our pastors.

—As we gather for worship this morning, please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—Tricia Lindley is with the United Methodist Youth Fellowship on their Youth Retreat.

—First UMC takes the care and safety of children seriously. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation.

—Flowers at the Reredos: In memory of Jennie Pastoriza Weese, from Thomas Weese.

—To request prayers, you may fill in a Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate during worship.

—If there are Prayer Quilts on the north wall of the sanctuary, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilts.

—Stop by the Hospitality Table in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center during Coffee Fellowship today for information, or to ask whatever might be on your mind! We're here to serve you.

—If you have not already done so, please fill out a 2017 giving card (which can be found in the pew racks) and place it in the offering plate during worship or deliver to the church office.

—Stop by the Fireside Room to enjoy the photography exhibit by Allan Walker. These photos were all used as program covers for Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's annual *Nutcracker* productions.

—Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

—Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary. Join the First UMC Legacy Circle: info@santamonicaumc.org.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In January bring nutritional bars: protein, granola, energy or breakfast bars.

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God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Sunday, January 8, 2017

*Church leaders respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds in **bold type**.*

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Robert English

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

INTRODUCTION OF LEADERS

Rev. Patricia Farris

TO OUR LEADERS

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

PRAYER

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TO THE CONGREGATION

Michael Lamb

Dear friends, rejoice that these persons have accepted the gift and responsibility of leadership in our congregation. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

We will.

Church Leadership

Lay Leader Team: Michael Lamb, Shannon Sturges, Todd Erlandson and Sherry Erlandson

Church Council: Sherry Erlandson

Fellowship & Events: Sandra Jones

Finance Committee: Kim Defenderfer

Guidance and Outreach: Andy Goebel

Health Ministry: Debi Jenkinson Wong and Dorothy Williams

Archives and History: Marilyn Hedges and Leslie Nordby

Nominations & Leadership Development: Cindy McQuade

Library: Mary Crawford

Loans & Scholarships: Mira Pak

Missions: Linda Diane Anderson

Parking Lot: Chuck Kearsley

Planned Giving: Russ Whittenburg

Prayer Quilt Ministry: Maile Marquand and Sue Payne

Seasonal Displays: Mike Eskridge

Spiritual Formation: Mary Crawford

Staff-Parish Relations: Glenda Martinez

Trustees: Vern Busse

United Methodist Women: Betty Storm

Youth Ministry: Adam Guerrero

Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica: John Youngman

United Methodist Women

President: Betty Storm

Recording Secretary: Joy Williams

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Stumpf

Treasurer: Mary Clark

Publicity: Cindy McQuade, David Mayhan

Program Resources: Carol Reich

Boutique: Betty Storm

Historian: Marilyn Hedges

Scholarships: Rebecca Pearson

Sunshine Committee: Cindy McQuade, Bernice de Leon, Berneice Southcott & Kathy Naylor

Membership: Joyce Landsverk

Women of Action: Linda Diane Anderson

Quilters Liaison: Caprice Walker

Abigail Circle: Christine Stumpf

Mothers Fellowship: Ella Mae Holmes

Nominating Committee: Helen Hewitt, Bernice de Leon

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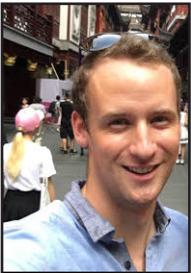
Tricia Lindley, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Youth Mission Statement

The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth can gain tools to help them explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.

The youth ministry at First United Methodist Church (UMYF) is an important part of the life of our church community. We offer many opportunities for youth to participate and grow in God's love and grace. We are especially excited for two opportunities coming up!

Credo literally means: *I believe*. It is the name of our confirmation class and experience this Spring for our 7th and 8th graders. As we grow into young adults in the church, we are invited into this Credo experience to ask ourselves this question, "What do I believe?" God is working in each of our lives and in the life of our church. As we go through this together we will see how God calls to each of us and how we each answer that call. **Credo Confirmation** is a chance to explore what it truly means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and a Child of God.



We are excited to announce our new **Youth Choir** initiative led by Jack McHugh! We are seeking all youth who are interested in sharing their musical gifts with the community. This ensemble will meet beginning January 15 before worship in the Youth Lounge starting at 9:00 a.m., and end around 9:45 a.m. Their work together will be to share the message of God's love through music of all kinds, styles and genres. While called Youth Choir, they will call on a multitude of talented instrumentalists as well- strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. Be sure to join us for worship on Youth Sunday - January 29, as our Youth Choir makes their debut!

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church theme: on having a naked spirituality or being your true self.
 Sunday, January 15, 2:30 p.m. **Walk the Labyrinth**

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Baptism • Baptismal Renewal • Installation of 2017 Lay Leadership

Tuesday, January 10

- 6 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, CR-A
 6:45 p.m. Church Council Meeting, FR

Wednesday, January 11

- 12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR

Friday, January 13

- 7:30 a.m. Martin Luther King Jr., Interfaith Breakfast, SH

Sunday, January 15 - Children's Church

- 9 a.m. Youth Choir begins, YL
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children: Sunday School this Week**

January Theme: *Jesus, God's Son*

Bible Verse: John 3:16

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

Anchor Point: Jesus is God's Son.

January 8: Jesus Talks with the Teachers

UMYF: This Sunday

The youth are on winter retreat this weekend at Lazy W Camp & Retreat Center.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to First UMC's online giving page.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Opportunity for Bible Study**

We have a few open spaces for Covenant II & III Bible Study co-led by Rev. Larry Young and Andy Goebel on Sundays after church, beginning Sunday January 29. The study is a continuation of Covenant I which began in the fall, however anyone can enter in at this point. More info available at the Sunday Hospitality Table. If interested contact the church office as soon as possible, it is first come first serve. (310)393-8258, or info@santamonicaumc.org.

January Mid-Week Recital - This Wednesday

Mid-week recitals for 2017 begin with Sean O'Neal, organ. Sean is the Director of Music and Organist for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Covina, and is the owner of O'Neal Pipe Organ Service. FREE Concert Wednesday January 11, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception follows for artist in the Fireside Room.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Breakfast

Prayer, readings and song coordinated by the Westside Interfaith Council kicks off the 32nd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations. The theme this year is "Stand Against Injustice." Friday January 13, 7:30 - 9 a.m. Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center. To register: send \$25 check per attendee to "Mt. Olive," send to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, SM CA, 90405, or pay at the door.

January Book Study/Potluck

The January Book Study focuses on *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who tackles religious extremism and violence committed in the name of God. If religion is part of the problem, he argues, then it must also be part of the solution. Come for a lively discussion and bring a dish to share. Book available on Amazon, in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Sunday January 15, 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room.

Ending 2016 in Good Health

We look forward to everyone closing out their 2016 pledges. There's \$21k to go! Stop by the office, mail or make payment online via our church website. Thank you for your support!

For our full calendar of this month's events, including weekly group meetings, pick up a copy of the Sentinel located in the Narthex, or go to our website: www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar.

CHR = Choir Room; CR = Conference Room; CY = Courtyard; FR = Fireside Room; L = Library; MH = Member's Home; OS = Off Site; S = Sanctuary; SH = Simkins Hall; WR = Work Room (UMW)