

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pad on your pew or the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Patrick Scott Polk by his parents, Sherry and Rick Polk, and sisters, Paulette Polk-Scanlan and Paige Griffin.

Roses on the lectern honor the births of **Caroline Culbreath Doherty** and **Isabelle Blair Doherty**, born November 3 to Julia and William Doherty. Their big sister is Kate.
Charles William "Billy" Pylant was born November 12 to Jaz and Will Pylant. His big sister is Abigail.

If you would like to **place a poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one or friend, place your order by visiting huntsvillefirst.org/events/. If you'd rather pay by check, order forms are at the back of the Sanctuary and in the office. Cost is \$20 and the deadline is December 8. Poinsettias will beautify the Sanctuary, Chapel and Wesley Center during Open House on December 13 and worship services December 14.

Join us during Advent for these services and events:

December 7: Lessons and Carols, 11AM, Sanctuary

(there will be no 9AM service)

December 7: First Noel, 4:30PM, Wesley Center

December 13: Open House and Luminaries, 5-7PM
(no rain date this year)

December 14: Children's Choir, 11AM, Sanctuary

December 21: Children's Choir, 9AM, Wesley Center

December 21: Boar's Head, 4PM, Sanctuary

December 21: Blue Christmas Service, 6PM, Chapel

December 24: Christmas Eve services:

3, 5 and 11PM, Sanctuary

4PM Wesley Center

December 28: One combined worship service,
10AM, Sanctuary

Be Renewed commitments can be placed in the offering, returned by mail, or by scanning the QR code.



Today

Nursery is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

Tuesday

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 6PM, Room 204.

Wednesday

Heavenly Honkers rehearsal, 6-7PM, Room 212.

Thursday and Friday

The church office **will be closed for Thanksgiving**.

Friday

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10.
Email Dick Titus at rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu for details.

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs, Rev. Bill Crosby,
Rev. Coy Hallmark, Rev. June Wilson



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM
Friday 8:30AM - Noon

HUNTSVILLE FIRST

United Methodist Church



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday

23 NOVEMBER 2025 | 9 and 11AM

Using your smartphone camera,
please scan the QR Code at right
to register your attendance.

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Welcome to worship!

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
FWS = The Faith We Sing
*please stand as able



PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns | Jason Payne

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP *by Nancy Townley*

Liturgist: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

People: Throughout all our lives,
God has blessed us with love and hope.

Liturgist: Praise be to God who provides for us.

People: May our hearts be truly grateful,
and may we show our gratitude
by the ways in which we live and care for others.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns | DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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** 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.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY | First Family Singers
A Thanksgiving Prayer | Don Besig

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a “Shepherd” to Children’s Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH 381
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | BRADBURY

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Luke 23:33-43 (pew Bible, page 84, New Testament)

11AM **ANTHEM** | SANCTUARY CHOIR
Lift High the Cross | Carl Schalk

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
Amen, amen.

SERMON | Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH 138
The King of Love, My Shepherd Is | ST. COLUMBA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Toccata in Seven | John Rutter
As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.

THE CARILLON



SERMON NOTES



Clergy Assistant
Director of Music & Organist
First Family Singers Director
Accompanist
Acoltyes

Ushers

Lay Liturgists

Rev. Bill Crosby
Jillian Gardner
Celese Kendrick
Barry Sublett
9AM Katie Hodge, Fox Holmes
11AM Allie Bailey, Benton Craig
9AM Richard Demming, Collin Keller,
Henry Rigsby, Joe Spearman
11AM Alan Bragg, Steve Cragon, Peter Lowe Jr.,
Mark Shull
9AM Laura Hodge
11AM Dick Titus