

## The Love Feast

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: "After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ."

It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America, they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism.

The Love Feast at First United Methodist Church, consists of the following components: a congregational candlelight service of scripture readings and beautiful music, reminding us of Jesus' words, "I am the light of the world" and "you are the light of the world," and a simple meal of sweetened bun and coffee or hot chocolate to demonstrate our unity in Christ and our equality under God.

In participating in the Love Feast we commit ourselves, both individually and corporately, to obey His command, "Let your light so shine before all that they may see your good works and glorify God who is in heaven."

**Acolyte:** Emily Starnes

**Crucifer:** Louis Starnes

Bradley Jones, Organist

Steve Wilaniskis, Percussion

### Revelation Youth Choir

Ben Stapleton, Director

Rebecca Drinnon, Accompanist

Julia Adams	Dylan Isaacs	Jenna Smith	Ben Dudley
Garrett Frierson	Lydia Fishman	Jackson Murrow	Xavier Simpson
Sara Helm	Dorrah Kelly	Jenna Roberts	Louis Starnes
Tanner Keck	Anna Maness	Sophia Simerly	Emmalee Stubblefield
Garrett Redmon	Ainsley Murrow	Khirey Stapleton	Krista Vaughn

### Carillonneures

Ben Stapleton, Director

Tony Anderson	Gregg Harrell	Debbie Hyde	Gaye Scalf
Ann Cranford	Tamera Harrell	Ed Payne	Hannah Waldron
Georgia Dahnke	Melanie Hime	Nancy Renner	Mark Workman
Rebecca Drinnon			Debbie Zimmerman

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## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*The Love Feast*



December 9, 2018

6:00pm

*Please remember to silence cell phones and pagers.*

## A SERVICE OF LOVE

**Welcome**

Ben Stapleton

**Call to Worship**

*In Hope the Universe Waits*  
Adapted from Romans 8:18-25

In hope the universe waits; God's purpose shall be revealed.  
Limited by mortality, yet destined for liberation, in hope the universe waits: God's purpose shall be revealed.

Groaning as if in childbirth, sampling the fruits of God's harvest, in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

Trusting in what is unseen, believing the best is to come, in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

In the shadow of a barn where the Maker of All will be born, in hope the universe waits:

**God's purpose shall be revealed.**

**Prelude**

*Huron Carol*  
Carillonneures

arr. by Cathy Moglebust

\* **Processional Hymn** UMH 238

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\* **Hymn** UMH 217

*Away in a Manger*

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Old Testament Lesson**

Psalms 145:8-21

**Gospel Lesson**

John 6:25-35

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