

## **WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN**

We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022



We are so excited you are visiting with us today!
Be sure to fill out a connect card in the pews or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.



Can we help you find community here? There are many opportunities for equipping, service, and fellowship. Contact Andrew Beach at abeach@firstevan.org.



There is more to First Evan than Sunday morning. For a complete look at opportunities, browse: www.firstevan.org.

### **CONNECT WITH US!**





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## OUR HELP, OUR HOPE

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations."

Psalm 90:1

Welcome Andrew Beach, Pastor of Memphis Ministries

Call to Worship Psalm 90:1–4, 12, 14

Songs of Adoration God of the Ages

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Elder Prayer Mark Gosney

Choral Meditation Day by Day

Unison Reading from Valley of Vision

Songs of Worship He Will Hold Me Fast All Glory Be to Christ

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Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-38 Jean Coleman

Sermon Dan Wicher, Missionary to Spain

"Christmas is for Small People" Luke 2:22–38

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Benediction

Musicians: The Worship Choir, Jeremy Conner, Caleb Park, Levi Bennett, Ezra Bennett, Trent England, Jamie Scholik, Tori Martin, Olivia Grace Sistrunk. Ron Man, Missionary in Residence.

<sup>&</sup>quot;O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Isaac Watts, William Croft; desc, Donald P. Hustad ©1990 Hope Publishing Company. "God of the Ages" by Margaret Clakson, arr. Tom Fettke ©1982, 1986. "Day by Day" by K. Lee Scott ©1989 Hinshaw Music. "He Will Hold Me Fast" by Ada Habershon and Matt Merker ©2013. "All Glory Be To Christ" by Dustin Kensrue ©2012 We Are Younger We Are Faster Music. "I Will Glory In My Redeemer" by Steve and Vikki Cook ©2001 PDI Worship. x. CCLI #47316

# Christmas is for Small People

Luke 2:22–38 | Dan Wicher, Missionary to Spain

1.	The	importance	of	character
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- 2. The least important person of the Christmas Story
- 3. The temple encounter.
  - a. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus vs.22-24
  - b. Simeon vs. 25-35
  - c. Anna vs. 36–38
- 4. Why Anna?
- 5. Our response
  - a. What are we trying to become?
  - b. How do we find a man of godly character?



Winter/Spring 2022 Midweek at First Evan Wednesdays, January 12–April 27 (no meeting March 16)

Don't limit your connection with First Evan to Sunday only! Join us for Midweek to enrich your spiritual walk and deepen your relationships with others in our fellowship. There is something for everyone. It starts with dinner at 5:00 p.m., then we have activities for all ages from 6:15–8:00 p.m. See our brochure or website for details: www.firstevan.org/midweek.

MomentumYes Video Series led by Zoe Bozeman Wednesdays, January 12–March 9 6:15–8:00 p.m., A121/122

MomentumYes is a free video-based series for small groups which teaches, inspires, and equips everyday people to rethink God's mission. It is designed to actively engage believers in taking the next steps in God's mission. Sign up today at www.firstevan.org/momentumyes.





A Colorful Day "Connected in Community," Saturday, February 5 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. | Cost: \$15 (additional cost for some sessions) Registration begins Sunday, January 9—Come join us for a special day filled with learning, creativity, and encouragement. You will have the opportunity to sign up for two electives taught by fellow First Evan women with lunch to follow. This day provides a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, and loved ones to experience the community we have at our church. Childcare provided: www.firstevan.org/colorful.

For more announcements, visit www.firstevan.org/connect.

#### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

David and Katya Bute, Kreativity, Ukraine Praise

- For His faithfulness and provision over the last year, through the many challenges and blessings.
- For current good health for our family and for the peace that exists in our home.
- For each one of you who have supported us the past 20 years.

#### Pray

- For peace in Ukraine and that we will be able to use every opportunity to share God's love, no matter what happens.
- For our Christmas outreach project, running until January 7, 2022.
- For our leader's retreat this month as we spend time together listening to God to discern His plans for our team for the new year ahead.

#### MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

**Memphis Union Mission** 

#### **Praise**

- For His provision of many volunteers to help serve our Holiday banquets this year.
- For the many who have been called to give financially to make our work possible.
- That the first phase of our new Opportunity Center is completed and is now operational.

#### Pray

- That many would be touched by the love of God at our locations.
- That many would be convinced of the love of Christ through His saints who are faithfully serving the homeless in Memphis.
- That God would call many volunteers to help minister to the needs of our homeless community.

#### **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Because all mail postmarked by the USPS on or before December 31 is considered a gift for 2021, we are unable to give a final number for giving for July–December at the time the bulletin was printed. The most current information is available at www.firstevan.org/year-end-giving.

Thanks for your prayers for our budget needs and giving as the Lord directs you.

#### **FAMILY MATTERS**

Death Louis Carter, 12/25/2021

Rehab Marcy Hackler, Baptist Rehab

Richard Pittman, Baptist Rehab

Hospice Mary Ann Frazier, Methodist Residence
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