** First United Church**

 *Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith,*

 *proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ*

 *through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**January 13, 2019**

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**\*Sr. Choir @ 7:30pm!** Don’t be shy – singing’s great for the soul – come and give it a try!

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**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

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1. **Look back in memory of what Christ has done for us**
2. **Look up with gratitude and gives thanks to God**
3. **Look inward and allow the Spirit of Christ search our hearts**
4. **Look around to have fellowship with fellow believers**

1. **Look out for those who may be missing from the Lord’s Table**
2. **Look forward to Christ’s return to take us into His eternal home**

**Think about this:**

* Through Holy Communion, we connect with Jesus Christ not only in the memory of his death, but in the spiritual life He gives to us.
* At the Lord’s Table, we place Christ at His rightful place and when we do, He fixes our world.

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