

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent

LOVE

December 19, 2021

The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing the watching and waiting for the Messiah to come.

We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.

- Pre-service Music** "The First Noel" arr. Moglebust
Adult Handbell Choir
- Prelude** "Angel Songs" arr. Larson
Adult Handbell Choir
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.)
- Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
- * **Chiming of the Hour**
- * **Opening Hymn** "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" UMH #224
- Lighting the Advent Candle** Micah 5:2-5 The McQueen Family **8:30**
The Willett Family **11:00**
- Congregational Response** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Chorus only*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- * **Affirmation of Faith** Jim Creel | UMH #881
- * **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70
- Special Music** "Tidings of Joy" arr. Larson
Chancel Choir; Adult Handbell Choir; Michael Gribbin, D. Scott Ferguson, piano
- Pastoral Prayer** Mr. Creel
- 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.
- 8:30 Reception of New Member** Debbie Rose UMH #38
11:00 Reception of New Member Gay Disco UMH #38
- 11:00 Sacrament of Holy Baptism** Evelyn "Evie" Wicker UMH #39
Congregational Response "Child of Blessing" UMH #611
- Children's Message** Rev. Jennifer Donkle **8:30**
Yvonne Brittain **11:00**
11:00 | Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to attend Little Church.
Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Bldg.
- Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings**
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)
- Offertory** "Christmas Bells" arr. Larson
Chancel Choir; Adult Handbell Choir; Michael Gribbin, D Scott Ferguson, piano
- * **The Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
- * **Offertory Prayer** Mr. Creel
- * **Hymn of Preparation** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204
- * **Sermon Text** Luke 1:46-55 Laura Bowden **8:30**
Sharri Hammond **11:00**

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Anthem	“Breath of Heaven” <i>Kim Alexander, soloist</i>	arr. Grant/Eaton
Sermon	“Mary’s Song”	Rev. Howle
* Closing Hymn	“What Child Is This”	UMH #219
* Benediction		Rev. Howle
Postlude	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” <i>Michael Gribbin, D. Scott Ferguson, piano</i>	arr. Raney

(*) Please stand as you are able.

Attendance

Members and guests, kindly register your attendance and pass the book along the pew for everyone to register.

Sunday School

Classes are available for Children age 3 through Adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM.

Ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices and large print hymnals

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 1st grade following the Children’s Message in 11AM worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of what would have been Ann and Toby’s 69th anniversary on December 27th by Toby Ward.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Jan. 9, 16; Feb. 6, 13, 20. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

Thank you to our guest pianist, Michael Gribbin, our organist, D. Scott Ferguson, to the Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir, and directors Norman McQueen and Jayne Smith for adding their talents to our music in this service.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Traditional Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM, Contemporary Worship at 11AM, on the website (fumcmb.org), on mobile app, or on FOX TV (ch 7) Sundays at 10AM (one week delay).

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing in all church buildings and be respectful of others. Masks are recommended.



Give electronically with a cell phone. Scan the QR Code with the phone’s camera, tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.

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Assisting in Worship

GREETERS

8:30 Front Jean Hussey

8:30 Broadway Sylvia Harmon

8:30 Office Carl Townsend

11:00 Front Pat & Barry Thigpen

11:00 Broadway Deborah & Ray Floyd

11:00 Office Deborah & Ruell Hicks

USHERS

8:30 Toby Ward, Harold Branton: Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Ashley Booth, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Keith Cribb, Tom Evans, Claylene Gore, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Dennis Neptune, Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn

11:00 Neal Bowers: Jackson Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Preston Bowers

ACOLYTES 8:30 Reagan McQueen

BIBLE BEARERS 8:30 Dunbar Brittain

CRUCIFERS 8:30 Ava Hussey

11:00 Ben Gildner

11:00 Claire Sturzenbecker

11:00

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO 8:30 Dan Fleming

11:00 Scott Bowen

