

Order of Worship

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

January 3, 2021

The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.

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

Prelude "Kyrie" François Couperin

Call to Worship "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

Welcome Rev. Meredith M. Dark

* **Opening Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH #234

* **Affirmation of Faith**

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.

* **The Gloria Patri**

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.

Pastoral Prayer Jennifer Hupko

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation** "We Three Kings" UMH #254

Children's Time Julia Brooks

Anthem "Make Room" Casting Crowns

Ava Hussey, *Vocal*; Grant Nesmith, *Guitar*

* **Sermon Text** Matthew 2:1-12 Willa Wrenn **8:30**
Shelby Sansbury **11:00**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: '*You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.*'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Sermon "By Another Road" Rev. Dark

* **Closing Hymn** "Joy To the World" UMH #246

* **Benediction** Rev. Dark

Postlude "Andante amabile" Johann Kuhnau

(* Please stand as you are able.)

UMH #234**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; **[Refrain]**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **[Refrain]**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **[Refrain]**

UMH #254**“We Three Kings”**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
*Oh, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **[Refrain]**

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising; voices raising, worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

UMH #246**“Joy To the World”**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and flood, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glo-ries of his righ-teous-ness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Helen Clemmons’ birthday, January 2nd, by Steve and Tara Clemmons

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Jan 17, 24, 31; Feb 7. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

Assisting in Worship**Ushers**

8:30 Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Marion Bellamy, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

11:00 Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Don Myers, Daniel Shuler, Annette Willett, Ed Williett
