

# Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>8:30</b>	“Savior of the Nations Come”	arr. Wayne L. Wold
	<b>11:00</b>	“Friendly Beast”	<i>Children’s Hand Chimes</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>8:30</b>	“Fanfare for Christmas Day”	arr. Shaw
	<b>11:00</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	<i>Children’s Hand Bells</i>
<b>Welcome</b>			Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>		<i>Candle of Joy</i>	Martha & Joe Castellano <b>8:30</b>
		Psalm 126	Gerrie Watson, Faith Carithers <b>11:00</b>
<b>Prayer for Advent</b>			
<b>O Lord, help us to be alert in these weeks, anticipating the joyful celebration of your Son’s arrival into our chaos filled world. As the Advent lights keep darkness at bay, may they also keep us from wandering from your ways. Amen.</b>			
<b>Congregational Response</b>		“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”	
		<b>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</b>	
* <b>Opening Hymn</b>		“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH #238
* <b>Affirmation of Faith</b>			
<b>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.</b>			
* <b>The Gloria Patri</b>			
<b>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.</b>			
<b>Special Music</b>	<b>8:30</b>	“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”	arr. Gilpin
		<i>Quartet</i>	
	<b>11:00</b>	“March” <i>from Nutcracker Suite</i>	<i>Children’s Choirs</i>
		“African Noel”	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>			Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>			
* <b>Hymn of Preparation</b>		“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	UMH #224
<b>Children’s Time</b>			Bridget Brancato Help4Kids
<b>Anthem</b>		“I Can Only Imagine”	MercyMe
		<i>Grant Nesmith, Guitar; Ava Hussey, Vocal</i>	
* <b>Scripture Text</b>		John 1:6-8, 19-28	Larry Gates <b>8:30</b> Jennifer Hupko <b>11:00</b>
<b>Sermon</b>		“Can You Imagine?”	Rev. Meredith M. Dark
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>		“Joy to the World”	arr. Rutter
* <b>Benediction</b>	<b>8:30</b>		Rev. Meredith M. Dark
	<b>11:00</b>	“Silent Night”	<i>Children’s Choirs</i>
<b>Postlude</b>		“Hark the Herald Angels Sing!”	Arr. David Cherwien

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *[Refrain]*

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
 come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *[Refrain]*

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *[Refrain]*

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
 give ye heed to what we say: News, News! Jesus Christ is born today!  
 Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
 Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
 now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
 He hath opened heaven’s door, and ye are blest forevermore.  
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
 now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

**“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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
 the glories of his righteousness,  
 and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Scripture Text: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn’t the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. ¶ This is John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?” . . .

**Flowers**

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all who participated in this year’s Advent Book and to the families who assisted with the Advent Wreath readings during worship by Jennifer Hupko

**Flowers are needed for the following dates: Jan 17, 24, 31.** 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](mailto:jennifer@fumcmb.org).

Thank you to the children for the musical offerings today and to their directors, Eve Harris (choirs) and Jayne Smith (hand bells/chimes).

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](http://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** Rusty Watson, Lisa Sawicki, Daniel Shuler, Don Myers, Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers