

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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.*

Prelude "To the World, Joy" arr. Raney
Adult Hand Bell Choir, Jayne Smith, Director; D. Scott Ferguson, Piano

Call to Worship "Wonderful Child" arr. Rouse
Quartet

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Candle of Love* Chad Mullinix Family **8:30**
* Luke 1:26-38 Carol Anne & Ronne Felts **11:00**

Prayer for Advent

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.

Congregational Response "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Advent Reflection "Stille Nacht"
Adult Hand Bell Choir

* **Opening Hymn** "The First Noel" UMH #245

* **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.

Special Music "Make Room" Casting Crowns
Ava Hussey, Vocal; Grant Nesmith, Guitar

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Meredith M. Dark
The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Once In Royal David's City" UMH #250

Children's Time Julia Brooks

Anthem "How Quietly" arr. Raney
Quartet; Hand Bell Choir; D. Scott Ferguson, Piano

Sermon "Let it Be According to Your Word" Rev. Howle

* **Closing Hymn** "Sing We Now of Christmas" UMH 237

* **Benediction** Rev. Howle

Postlude "Fantasia" on *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Gene Clark

(* Please stand as you are able.)

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *[Refrain]*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *[Refrain]*

"Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid here baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary, lov-ing mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flock at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." *[Refrain]*

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child. *[Refrain]*

From the eastern country came the kings afar,
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. *[Refrain]*

Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
there was never a stable so like paradise. *[Refrain]*

Scripture Text: Luke 1:26-38

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, . . . The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" . . . The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus." . . . " . . . Nothing is impossible for God." . . . Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Flowers

The **Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, James Cantor, who passed on June 3, 2020 by Peggy Cantor.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Jan 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 28. 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.

Thank you to the Quartet for their musical offerings during Advent: Heather Whitley, Soprano; Kim Alexander, Alto; Norman McQueen, Tenor; Terrence Piette, Bass.

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, website (fumcmb.org), 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, Rusty Watson, Lisa Sawicki, Annette Willett, Ed Willett