

# Order of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2020

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.*

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<b>Prelude</b>	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	arr. Richard Lind
<b>Call to Worship</b>	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” <b>Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.</b>	UMH #204
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
<b>* Opening Hymn</b>	“Good Christians Friends, Rejoice”	UMH #224
<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>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rev. Meredith M. Dark
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
<b>* Hymn of Preparation</b>	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	UMH #242
<b>Children’s Time</b>		Julia Brooks
<b>Anthem</b>	“My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation” <i>Terrance Piette, Soloist</i>	Fetkee
<b>* Sermon Text</b>	Luke 2:22-40	Rev. Dark
<b>Sermon</b>	“My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”	Rev. Howle
<b>* Closing Hymn</b>	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”	UMH #251
<b>* Benediction</b>		Rev. Howle
<b>Postlude</b>	Partita on “Saviour of the Nations, Come”	Martha Sobaje

(\* Please stand as you are able.

UMH #224

**“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!

UMH #242

**“Love Came Down at Christmas”**

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

UMH #251

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth. *[Refrain]*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that bless-ed Christmas morn. *[Refrain]*

**Scripture Text: Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. . . . A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn’t die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Meanwhile, Jesus’ parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said, “Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. . . . Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too.” . . . When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God’s favor was on him.

The **Flowers** that beautify our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my lovely mother’s birthday, Sharri Hammond, on December 26th by Jennifer Julian.

**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](mailto: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](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** Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Don Myers, Daniel Shuler, Annette Willett, Ed Williett