

# Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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** "The First Noel" arr. Moglebust  
Adult Hand Bell Choir, *Jayne Smith, Director*

**Call to Worship** "Prepare Ye" *from Godspell*  
*Heather Whitley, Kim Alexander, Norman McQueen, Terrence Piette—Quartet*

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** *Candle of Peace* Anne & Ron Andrews **8:30**  
\* Mark 1:1-8 Debbie & Tracy Conner **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.**

\* **Opening Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

\* **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** "Still, Still, Still" arr. Luboff  
*Heather Whitley, Kim Alexander, Norman McQueen, Terrence Piette—Quartet*

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

\* **Hymn of Preparation** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

**Children's Message** Julia Brooks

**Anthem** "Lord, I'm Ready Now" Plumb  
*Grant Nesmith, Guitar; Ava Hussey, Vocal*

**Sermon** "A Strange Prophet" Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

\* **Closing Hymn** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

\* **Benediction** Rev. Meredith M. Dark

**Postlude** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. John Carter

(\* Please stand as you are able.

UMH #206

**“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. ***[Refrain]***

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. ***[Refrain]***

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UMH #431

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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UMH #240

**“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
***Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”***

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. ***[Refrain]***

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. ***[Refrain]***

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**Scripture Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God’s Son, happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: *Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness; “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.”*

John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, “One stronger than I is coming after me. I’m not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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**Flowers**

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ann’s mother, Peggy Hanna, by Ann and Ron Andrews.

**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 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 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).

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**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** Daniel Shuler, Don Myers, Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers

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**Video** | Jim Lewis

**Audio** | 8:30 Scott Bowen  
11:00 Melinda Morgan