

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing the season of watching and waiting for the Messiah to come.

Welcome, Concerns

8:30 Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Please turn off or silence electronic devices before you enter for worship.

* Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prelude

“Joy To The World”
Choir, Handbells, Piano

arr. Raney

The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God. Therefore, let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative. Lift up a prayer for your church family, staff, ministers and the work of Christ in the world.

* The Chiming of the Hour (Congregation Stands)

* Opening Hymn

“The First Noel”

UMH Pg. 245

* Affirmation of Faith

UMH Pg. 881

* The Gloria Patri

UMH Pg. 70

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.

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

8:30 Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

11:00 Rev. Meredith M. Dark

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle of Love

8:30 Fleming Family

11:00 Bowers Family

Congregational Response

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God’s Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time)

Offertory

“Carol of the Bells”
Handbells

arr. Sherman

* The Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *(Olde Hundredth)* UMH Pg. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

Jennifer Hupko

*Children 3 years old to 2nd Grade are invited to Little Church.
Please pick them up following the service in room 201, Wesley Building.*

* Hymn of Preparation	“Once In Royal David’s City”	UMH Pg. 250
* Sermon Text	Matthew 1:18-25	8:30 Cam McCarl 11:00 Al Wendler
Anthem	“How Quietly” Ava Hussey, <i>Soloist</i> <i>Handbells, Piano</i>	arr. Raney
Sermon	“Do Not Be Afraid”	Rev. Meredith M. Dark
Choral Response	“Walk In The Light”	arr. Thomas
* Benediction		
* Benediction Response	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH Pg. 204
	Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.	
* Postlude	“Fantasia on ‘Adeste Fideles””	arr. Geoffrey Shaw
	(*) Indicates please stand as you are able.	

Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, to the glory of the Christ Child, and to thank our Choir and Hand bell ringers who bring us such joy through their gift of music by Donna and Reagan McQueen.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: January 19, 26. 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. The flowers live on past Sunday mornings through faithful volunteers as flowers are designed into small arrangements and delivered to homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

Attendance

Members and regular visitors, please let us know of your attendance this morning by signing the attendance book. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the visitor information attached to the Steeple and place in the offering plate, and don’t forget to stop by our visitor area in the narthex... we have a gift for you!

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 3 through adult each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 AM.

Children

First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 through 2nd grade following the Children’s Sermon Time. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

Ask the ushers for children’s *Wiggle Bags*, hearing devices and large print hymnals

Steward Teams for December

8:30AM | Captain: Toby Ward; Co-Captain: Harry Branton

Anne Andrews, Ron Andrews, Ashley Booth, Garrett Brown, Debbie Champion, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Rick Harmon, Nita Letts

11:00AM | Captain: Ray Floyd, Co-Captain: Neal Bowers

Jackson Bowers, Meredith Bowers, Preston Bowers, Joe Castellano, Jim Creel Jr., Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, David Meese, Bill Rodwell, Rock Smith, Buddy Styers

Greeters for December

Front Entrance

8:30 | Sylvia Harmon & Mabel Waldorf
11:00 | Deborah & Ray Floyd

Broadway Entrance

8:30 | Wanda Bellamy
11:00 | Sandra Nystrom

Office Entrance

8:30 | Yotta Werthman
11:00 | Delores Moses

Assisting in Worship

Acolyte

8:30 | Morgan Clemmons
11:00 | Cooper Richardson

Bible Bearer

11:00 | Jack Uphold

11:00 | Summer Stewart

Little Church

8:30 | Cindy Johnson
11:00 | Elizabeth Brittain

Video

Jim Lewis

Audio

8:30 | TBD
11:00 | Scott Bowen