



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

www.facebook.com/fumctaylor

<https://www.fumctaylor.org/sunday-worship-service/>
[YouTube](#)

PRAYER, DEVOTION, JOYS AND CONCERNS

9:30 am via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 982-9669-2304

Phone# 346-248-7799

December 20, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

December 20, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-time member, we're glad you are here.

(* Stand, if able.)

GATHER IN ANTICIPATION & PRAISE OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)**

Liturgist

L: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

P: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, God's Son, Jesus Christ.

L: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

P: May God's light shine on us, in us and through us that God's glory may be seen. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Liturgist

In the rush of preparation for holiday celebration, we come to this place to be fed by God. We need the peace, hope, love and joy that this season represents. We need to listen again with wonder at the magnificent words of Mary as she proclaims her faithful participation in God's most miraculous gift. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, to be fed and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

"The First Noel"

UMH # 245

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tiffany Charles

***HYMN**

"Away in a Manger"

UMH # 217

JOYS & CONCERNS *(Currently shared during Zoom gathering at 9:30 a.m.)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sela Finau

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"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

Gracious and Generous God: We offer our gifts to you, knowing full well we have devoted so much more energy into finding the gifts for our families and much less on the gifts we offer to you. You gave Mary, an unmarried girl, a Son so the world might have a Savior. Her response was so simple: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be according to your word." May her affirmation of faith and obedience be the gift we offer this day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

Liturgist

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

***GLORY PATRI**

UMH#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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Compassionate, Forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted. We think only of ourselves. We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us. We grow proud and seek power. We do not see the destruction of our actions and how it distances us from you. We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us. We grow faint. Bring us home to you, Merciful Beloved. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

The Holy One forgives and bestows favor on each of us even and especially when we are lowly in spirit. We are blessed from generation to generation by the Mighty One, whose strength and mercy are forever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-55

Liturgist

SERMON

“What Do You Magnify?”

Rev. Sela Finau

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH # 234

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.



Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.
we will enjoy a special
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
Please join us for this magical tradition.

Ways you can give:

1. Contact your bank to setup autodraft.
2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
3. Give online at www.fumctaylor.org/give.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Tiffany Charles, Children’s Time

Brian Gray & Clayton Cobb, Liturgists

HOW TO JOIN FUMC TAYLOR

Are you being led to become a part of this fellowship of believers? Do you desire to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ? We invite you to join as a full member of the FUMC family! While the closing hymn is sung, you may come forward and make a commitment to follow Jesus through his local body of FUMC Taylor in prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please also send us a message to office@fumctaylor.org.

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact
Rev. Finau at 817-874-3533.

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance, Offertory
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