



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

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First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

January 2, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Christmas

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.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!

Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH # 224

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”

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tiffany Charles

*HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH # 220

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

God of this day and all days! We can only imagine the darkness of the world into which you sent your son – a world that believed that salvation rested on our ability to follow the rules. Jesus came to bring light into that darkness, and into our darkness. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, transform them into light for the hungry, for the hopeless, for the forgotten and the oppressed. We will share his light in us! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #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. A-men.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #881

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

All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, and love towards your people, yet we are not without blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist

Friends, hear the Good News! The liberator has come to free us from all proud pretenses.

The Christ has come in Jesus of Nazareth to show us the undeserved favor of God.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-18

Liturgist

SERMON

"Let Your Life Be A Light"

Rev. Sela Finau

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*Please notify an usher if you need gluten free elements
or communion served to you.
Communion offering for January will go towards benevolence.*

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH # 251

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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, Director of Children's Ministry & Mother's Day Out

Brian Gray, Liturgist

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.

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