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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional



First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

December 24, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve

“Come close to God and He will come close to you.” James 4:8

(Stand, if able.)*

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME: This is the night of the Holy Birth!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Holy One, you have appeared in the flesh.

Your glory is made known in this newborn child.

People: Tonight, we sing a new song of endless peace.

Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome you!

Let love be born anew in our hearts on this joyous night.

*OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(verses 1 – 3)

UMH # 234

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

Holy God, in days of old you sent your angels to tell shepherds the good news: "To you is born this day a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord."

Holy God, help us hear with the shepherds this good news, that we too may glorify and praise you for all that we have seen and heard. Amen.

SHARING GREETINGS

saying “Merry Christmas!”

***CHRISTMAS CAROL “Do You Hear What I Hear?”**

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
do you see what I see
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
do you know what I know
In your palace warm, mighty king,
do you know what I know
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere,
listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mike and Rachel Woodburn

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CAROL**

“Light the Advent Candle” (*verse 5*)

**Light the Christmas candle now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
Birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring.
Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

READING ONE

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Child is This?”

Gray Talavera

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

READING TWO

Luke 2:8-14

Shelli Cobb

VIOLIN SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Anna Wicker

MESSAGE

“You Are Always on God’s Mind”

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Psalm 115:12

“**The Lord is constantly thinking about us** and he will surely bless us.”

Note 2: 1 Peter 5:7

“Give God all your worries and cares for he is always thinking about you.”

Note 3: Luke 1:48

“For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.”

Note 4: Matthew 10:29-30

“Not even a little sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father noticing it.

The very hairs on your head are numbered.”

Note 5: God is paying attention to everything in your life.

No one cares more about your life than God does.

Note 6: Job 23:10

“God knows every way I take, He is concerned about it, and pays attention to it.”

Note 7: When I spend my time with someone, I am giving my life to that person, because **my time is my life.**

Attention is the greatest gift you can give someone, because you are giving the person **your life.**

VOCAL SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ave Maria”

Rachel Woodburn

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Mark Nygard

Communion Prayer:

O Lord, who came and dwelled in a stable many years ago, come now and dwell in this bread and cup. Feed our souls on holy food. Lord, receive us here in our brokenness and need. Teach us new songs to sing and show us a new world to serve, when we have eaten and drunk. O Lord, let mystery rise among us like smoke from burning wicks. Speak to us through bread and cup and stir us to new devotion. For the sake of your holy name. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

***HYMN** "Silent Night" UMH # 239

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek

***SENDING HYMN** "Joy to the World" UMH # 246
(verses 1 and 4)

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE** "Hallelujah Chorus"

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Liturgist & Director of Children's Ministries

Shelli Cobb, Reader

Gray Talavera, Saxophonist

Anna Wicker, Violinist

Rachel Woodburn, Soloist

Pastor Mark Nygard, Communion Server

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church

Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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The Poinsettias are given to the glory of God

IN HONOR OF:

“Kodi Madison Copeland” ~ Bobby and Trisha Copeland
“Geneva Cochran” ~ Vesta Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

“Cheryl McAlister” ~ Ginny and Don McAlister
“Linda Swonke” ~ The Swonke Family
“Dorothy and Norman Brock” ~ Susan and Gary Brock
“Roy and Pat Rogers, Royanne Rogers Rollins, Clyde and Bobbie Copeland,
Tracy Copeland” ~ Bobby and Trisha Copeland
“Tyler Cobb” ~ Brian and Shelli Cobb
“Malinda and Charles Beckermann” ~ Marsha and Raymond Beckermann
“Mary and Fred Brandt” ~ Marsha and Raymond Beckermann
“Virgie Nell Simcik” ~ Vicki Hall
“Jerry Galnor” ~ Sandra Galnor
“Margarette Galnor” ~ Sandra Galnor
“Alma LaVerne Barrington” ~ Sandra Galnor
“Jack and Margaret Ridgway” ~ Madeleine and Kyle Hensley
“Mahon and Grace Garry” ~ Madeleine and Kyle Hensley
“John and Dorothy Gibson” ~ Madeleine and Kyle Hensley
“Lloyd Robbins” ~ Pat Dick
“Billy Dick” ~ Pat Dick
“Kenny Jackson” ~ Pat Dick
“Debi Tucker” ~ Glynn Tucker
“Royce and Erna Tucker” ~ Glynn Tucker

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Susan Parker
Nancy Turner
David Galnor
Friends and Family of Rusty Howell
Pat Dick
Drew Ball
Vesta Ryan
Betty Brown
Charlotte Niemtschk
Debbie Lee
Arvis and Kathy Markwardt
Daniel Frantz
Peggy Jackson
Ricky Harding
Wayne Ging
Terry Dyer
Charlene Jones
Lara Boecker
Mike McDermot
Kimberly Isbell
Carol Bingham
Austin Hubbard
Sandra Thompson
Scarlett Cooley
Nancy Barron
Justin Settle
Brandi and Lee Barnwell
Luke Curik

*All names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks,
unless requested otherwise.

December 24, 2023

Joy of the Week:

Vada and Merton Rose celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on
December 21st.

Happy Birthday:

Sandra Galnor celebrates her birthday this week on December 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be served. Our Bible study will be based on the church lectionary calendar readings. Please bring your favorite translation of the Bible to the study, so that we can share and compare from the different translations of God's Word.

Mother's Day Out

We still have a few spaces left in our Mother's Day Out program and it is not too late to join! Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM for ages 1 through 5 years old. We are now offering half off registration! Classes begin January 2. Call 512-229-8512 for more information.

Fellowship Luncheon

Please mark your 2024 calendar for **Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 AM**. We will honor our newest member: Ivene Parker, and gather for food and fellowship. Please bring a dish or dessert to share if you are able. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Merry Christmas!

