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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

December 29, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

First Sunday After Christmas Day

“I will guide you along the BEST PATHWAY for your life!” Psalm 32:8

**For your children, activity bags are available in the foyer.
Child care is available during the service.*

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

People: God has come to make a home among us!

L: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us
in all things and all seasons.

**P: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us.
Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

UMH # 246

(verses 1, 2, and 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

**Loving God, may we be found and may we find a place called home, a
place where faith holds us and grace renews us; where forgiveness
longs for us to be who you will us to be.**

**Loving God, may we find a place called home where we are accepted as
we are; where we are taken in and loved unconditionally.**

**Loving God, may we find a place called home where we belong and our
souls fit, and our questions are allowed, and our anger is heard, and
our needs are recognized, and our pain is held, and our names are
known, and may this be that place, O God, this community this group
of travelers and companions on the way. Amen.**

SHARING GREETINGS *(Please greet one another with signs of Christmas joy and love!)*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***HYMN**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 224

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Yohan Baek

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Silent Night”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Gloria, in excelsis Deo”

UMH # 238

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-2

Liturgist

“After Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi **from the east** came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have **come** to worship him.”

***HYMN**

“We Three Kings”
(verses 1, 2, and 5; interlude between verses 2 and 5)

UMH # 254

MESSAGE

“Two Reasons Why You Need Jesus”

Rev. Yohan Baek

Note 1: A kindergarten teacher says to her students,
“You have been learning **HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS.**”

Note 2: Children ask 106 questions a day; adults ask just 6 questions a day.

Note 3: Fear, **ASSUMPTION**, technology, environment inhibit curiosity.

Note 4: We can become so familiar with something that it doesn’t amaze us anymore.

Note 5: Matthew 2: 4-5

“Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet (Micah) wrote about this in the Scriptures: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not just an insignificant village in Judah. A ruler will come from you who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’”

Note 6: Micah 5: 2

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.”

Note 7: What difference does Jesus make to your life today?

***SENDING HYMN**

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

~Insert

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Yohan Baek

“O Holy One, you intended for your Son’s birth to bring us a sense of being in touch with life’s deepest mysteries! Help us to find that sense of being in touch. Send the star to shine on us in our moods of apathy.”

***POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry and Mother’s Day Out

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