

First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



"Mary's Song & The Promise of Christmas" *Luke 1:39-55*

Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, large print hymnals, name tags, and extra masks are available in the welcoming area. Children are always welcome in worship, and we embrace their presence, their joy, and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children's bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Order of Worship

December 19, 2021

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew; or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com and continue sending us your comments via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.)

"May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . . and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Arise, Shine"

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*WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

P: **He shall be great to the ends of the earth.**

L: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

P: **God's mercy extends from generation to generation.**

Holy is God's name!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

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*GLORIA PATRI

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CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession:

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our indifference into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Silence (for personal confession)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Candle of Love

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Reba Dopkins

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354, or go to our website: 1umcm.com/tithing for directions.

OFFERTORY

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Choir

DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:39-55

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Mary's Song & The Promise of Christmas"

Rev. Chris Black

***CLOSING HYMN**

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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***TRINITY CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!

Check Out the Announcements Listed Below!!

- The **Bible Study** (*The Journey*, taught by Pastor Chris) will conclude this Wednesday with the morning and evening sessions.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Friday, Dec 24th, 7 PM. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.
- **Sunday Worship**, Dec 26th we will join together to have a hymn-sing and special music for our worship service. You will have the opportunity to call out your favorite Christmas hymns and we will sing them together! This service should be fun for all ages, and will be a **casual** gathering of song, praise, and prayer. Just make sure you come ready with a few favorite hymns to call out to Sue, Chris, choir and accompanists.



*The office will be closed on December 23 and 24 with very limited hours
December 27 thru 31. Please call before you come by to be sure someone is there.*

The coffee bar is hosted today by Janet Tweed.

Trustee for this week is Carol McKenzie.



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