

# First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



*“The BLESSING of the MESSIAH”*

**Matthew 2: 1-8**



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# Order of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

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11:00 AM

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## *GATHERING*

### PRELUDE

**“Away in a Manger Medley”**

*Prepare your heart to worship God.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

*(At this time [if you haven't already] please register your attendance at [www.lumcm.com](http://www.lumcm.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

**“Emmanuel”**

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**L:** An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**P:** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

**L:** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

**ALL:** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (from Matthew 1:20-23)

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Apostles' Creed**

### GLORIA PATRI

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Steve and Janet Tweed

***“The Candle of Christ our Peace”***

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

**PRAISES and PRAYERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION**

**“What Child Is This”**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**“Why Was Jesus Born in a Stable?”  
“The Christmas Story”**

Pastor Keith  
Video

### ***OFFERINGS***

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. Please mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, P O Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354, or give online from our website: [lumcm.com](http://lumcm.com).*

### ***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE***

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 2:1-8 (NRSV)**

*Leader:*

*The Word of God, for the People of God*

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“The Blessing of the Messiah”**

Rev. Keith Knight

### ***SENDING FORTH***

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“The First Noel”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“O Come, Let Us Adore Him” (vs. 1 & 2)**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

*Serve the Lord this week where you are able.*

*Invite someone to church next Sunday  
by sharing our on-line service info with them!*

## Prayer Requests for December 20th

### New

Pat & Gary Cloud (Lois Green's family)

Irad Lee (Barbara Pennington's brother)

Madison

(Joey Pennington's step-daughter )

The Harrell/Allen family

The Sherrer family

Debbie Strickland (Todd's mother)

Roy Bledsoe (cousin of the Hamiltons  
and friend of the Cavetts)

Beatrice Irwin (Brian Beason's mother)

Orlando Upton and Jerry Crowder  
(members of the Kevin Shaw family)

and the families of

Raylene Robinson (Sue & Gary's aunt)

Mayor Glen Moser

### Continuing

Howard Harvey

Ben Barger

Nancy Manning

Carrie Robbins (Janet Tweed's mom)

Lori Johnson (Jan's daughter-in-law)

Debbie Tucker

Lisa Chaney (friend of the Cavett family)

Marilyn DePew

Vickie Anderson  
(friend of Mary Kefauver)

John Houvenagle

Kat Ahart & Barbara Baiz

The Grubb family

Teri Slack

(friend of Jennifer McKenzie)

Jay Browne (Reba Dopkins' brother)

Joan & Hoyal Acres

(friends of Lois Green)

Kim Hughes (friend of the Cavett family)

Reese & Annette McDonnell  
(friends of the Cavett family)

Dwaine & Carolyn Peters

Rosie Distler (Vanessa Barr's aunt)

Mable Graham

Dora Nelson

Clifton Greenwood

Margaret & Bob Marshall

Pat & Howard Harvey

Debbie Denton

Those in nursing homes & assisted living

All involved (care-givers and patients)  
with Covid-19

