



Celebrating Christ's Birth

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Sunday School at 10 AM

Worship at 11 AM

Children are encouraged to bring one toy for a blessing of the toys during children's time on Dec 29th.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sunday School at 10 AM

Epiphany Sunday Worship at 11:00 AM

On this Sunday we will continue to celebrate the birth of Christ. We will have songs and a message to continue the celebration of Christmas.

Please join us for these Worship Services
as we continue to celebrate.



First United Methodist Church

Madisonville, Tennessee

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019



"God's Yes—in Bethlehem and Beyond!!"

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*Order of Worship
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service with Holy Communion*

December 24, 2019

6:00 PM

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Living in Me”

Lindsay Liszeski

UNISON PRAYER

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ’s presence in the shadows of your world so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen. (W&S no. 8)

***HYMN:**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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HYMN:

“Star Child”

*Hope-for-peace Child, God’s stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas come for everyone, everyone alive!*

ADVENT WREATH

The Cavett family

(After the reader says: . . .O come, O come, Emmanuel) the congregation responds:
O Come, O Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light,
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Joy to the World”

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

**Please stand as you are able.*



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.*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: “Away in a Manger” Page # 217

CHILDREN’S TIME Pastor Keith

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Steve Tweed and Mary Alice Huff

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

***SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

SERMON: “God’s Yes—in Bethlehem and Beyond” Rev. Keith Knight

SPECIAL MUSIC “Mary’s Newborn Son” Choir

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON:

**Almighty God,
we confess that our hearts have not been open
to all that you have revealed to us in the Nativity of your Son.
You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child,
and yet we have not attended to suffering of children.**

**You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord Jesus,
and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women.
The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem but a stable,
and yet we have not attended to the cry of the homeless.
You announced your birth to lowly shepherds,
yet we ignore those who tend our farms and fields.
Forgive our lack of attention,
and free us for joyful compassion,
that we may know Christ in serving others.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF PARDON:

Isaiah foretold the good news that is now proclaimed to us:
The Lord comforted the people
and redeemed Jerusalem.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Glory to God in the Highest. AMEN.

SHARING THE LORD’S SUPPER

SHARING THE LIGHT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

“O Holy Night” Todd McConkey & Bev Taylor

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN:** “Silent Night” Page # 239

Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent Night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.