First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 201915



"Christ—Our Peace"

"God's Yes—in our World!" Luke 2:4-7

Order of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019 11:00 AM

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Enter quietly to prepare your heart to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

(During this time, please register your attendance in the white notebook that can be found at the end of each row and pass it down and back.)

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

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Chorus)

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

- 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").
- P: 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 We Have Heard on High"	Page # 238
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	Page # 881
*GLORIA PATRI		Page # 70

ADVENT WREATH

HYMN "Star Child" Screen

Lighting the Advent Wreath "Christ Our Peace" The Maiuri Family (After the reader says: . . . O come, O come, Emmanuel) the congregation responds:

O Come, O Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER/PRAISES

CALL TO PRAYER "Into My Heart" Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME "The Christmas Cross" Pastor Keith

OFFERINGS

MINISTRY MINUTE "Pledge for Our Future" Rev. Keith Knight

Our Commitment

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Christmas Star" Choir

(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Page # 94

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:4-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Yes—in Our World" Rev. Keith G. Knight

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Page # 240

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Chorus) Screen

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE Depart to serve the Lord.

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Children are welcome to sit with their families in worship. If you prefer, our nursery/toddler room is available for

Infant thru Pre-Kindergarten during Worship.

gone, the new has come!"

Luke 2:4-7

INTRODUCTION—
I. GOD SPEAKS <u>T</u> US — at CHRISTMAS
1. God SPEAKS to us — through the P that were fulfilled in the BIRTH of JESUS:
2. Isaiah the Prophet had a vision: "The virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and will call him IMMANUEL." (7:14)
3. Isaiah had a Second I into this Future Birth — "For unto us a child is born, unto us a SON is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6)
4. God speaks to us: because the P were F in the Birth, the E of Jesus Christ, God's "YES!"
II. GOD SPEAKS <u>I</u> US
1. God wants the DIVINE "YES" of Christ to <u>E</u> our hearts and <u>C</u> our lives!!
2. God wanted to save <u>US</u> — millions and millions of individual <u>P</u> , whom He knows by name!!
3. That is what II Corinthians Chap. 5, vs. 18 means: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself in Jesus Christ."
4. And He SO MUCH wants to Transform, to make better the lives we now live: that is what is meant in v. 17 —
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is a new creation; the old has

- 5. "A.D.", which is Latin, "ANNO DOMINI," means "In the year of our Lord" and we designate the years BEFORE Jesus' birth with the letters: "B.C." "BEFORE CHRIST".
- 6. If Christ is truly "GOD'S YES" <u>IN</u> and <u>TO</u> the world, He wants to change their lives from "B_" to "A_"!

III. GOD SPEAKS <u>T</u> US!!

- 1. The Message of Christmas is not <u>C</u> unless we take up the Example of Jesus Christ, God's Divine "YES"
- 2. In the Middle Ages, a monk prayed every day for a vision of the SAVIOR, and, one day, the Vision appeared. . . .

CONCLUSION—



We Support Our Church By:

Our Service This Week

Ushers: Ray & Dora Nelson,

Regina Warfel

Acolytes: Zander Liszeski

Storm Millsaps

Lay Reader:

Trustee: Alan Johnson

Coffee Bar:

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Janet Tweed is coordinating our coffee bar. If you would like to provide goodies and host the coffee bar please see her and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the coffee bar.

Our Presence Last Week:

Sunday School 32 Worship 91

Our Gifts for December:

General Fund

Needed for monthly budget \$ 20,304 Received in December \$ 19,838

Building Fund

Needed for mortgage payment \$4,034

Received in December \$ 15,718

Memorial Fund

Memorial Garden Fund in Dec \$ 140

Prayer Requests for December 22nd

Please remember to keep all of these members and friends along with their families in your prayers.

Steve Cavett (Shane Cavett's dad)

Eli Zinck (5 yr old friend of the Barr family)

Josh & Haley Knight and new baby Theodore Wesley

Tina Smith

Dwaine & Carolyn Peters

The Loaves & Fishes program

Larry Wayne

Melvin Hall

Richard Hall

(Reba Hall's brother-in-law)

Virginia Jacobs (Carol McKenzie's sister)

Jimmy Williams and donor family (Wanda Barger's 11 year old cousin who received a heart transplant last week)

Alfred McClendon

Teresa Manley

Barbara Pennington

Gene Carson

Clifton Greenwood

Shane Garner

(friend of the Cavett family)

Irad Lee

Happening at First UMC for the Week of December 22nd

TODAY	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM

TUESDAY Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service 6:00 PM

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> *Merry Christmas!!*

NEXT SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM

Holston United Methodist Home for Children—Next week (the 29th) we will be receiving our **5th Sunday** offering to benefit the Children's Home. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make a difference in a child's life.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will not have regular hours from Dec 23, 2019 thru Jan 1, 2020. If you need something, please call to see if someone is there to assist you.

We will be back to regular hours on Jan 2.

Coming Soon

Sun, Jan 5 The Class Meeting book study will start after worship. More info at the coffee bar and in the December newsletter.

Wed, Jan 8 Youth/IGNITE 6 PM

Choir Practice 7 PM

Sun, Jan 12 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks

Mon, Jan 13 Trustees 6 PM in the Conference Room

Tue, Jan 14 Finance Committee 6 PM in the Conference Room

Special Day Offering

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Your generous gift today enriches ministry and connects students to their faith.

Your donations anytime this month will be appreciated.

Make your check payable to FUMC, write Student Day on the memo line.

Please use the envelopes that are on the table by the bulletins.



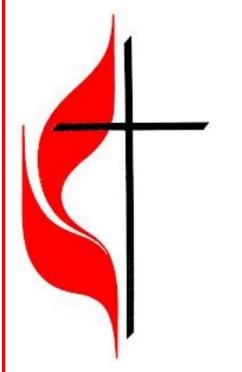
Theodore Wesley Knight

made his appearance on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 12:40 AM weighing in at 7 lb 12 oz and 19 inches long.

Parents are Joshua and Haley Knight.

Proud grandparents are our own Rev. Keith & Nancy Knight and Warren and Noreen Mays.

Let's all keep this young family in our prayers.



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