

## THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



### Sunday, December 12

8:45 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service

### Monday, December 13

10:00 am UMW Circle #8

### Tuesday, December 14

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 15

10:00 am UMW Circle #7  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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### Office Hours

#### Monday-Thursday

8:30 am - noon  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### Friday

8:30 am - noon

### Prayer Requests

Ed Shigley  
 Barbara Richey  
 Ruby Spearman  
 Carol McCrary  
 Connie Lachen  
 Steven Maier  
 Ted Wilson  
 Markley Hidde's niece, Hannah  
 Cissy, Jan Crowe's daughter  
 Buddy Dallas' granddaughter  
 Our church and our world  
 Medical staff in hospitals

### EFUMC Financial Report

As of December 8, 2021

YTD Tithes & Offerings	438,751
YTD Expenses	<u>401,609</u>
Over	37,142
Weekly Offering (12/05/2021)	18,742
Weekly Goal	10,500



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### *Grow in Christ. Reach out to others.*

*Providing families and individuals a Christ-centered option  
 in an increasingly complex and changing world through:*

*Welcoming well  
 Meaningful worship  
 Encouraging small groups  
 Training teachers and leaders*

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 12, 2021

<b>*Opening Song</b> "Rejoice (A Christmas Song)"	Billy J. Foote	Praise Team
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Charlene Fetterly
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Michael
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle— Isaiah 35:10</b> We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. <b>O come, O come, Emmanuel.</b>		Swindoll Family
<b>*Song of Praise</b> "Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)"	Brenton Brown, Henry Thomas Smart, Paul Baloche, James Montgomery, Michael Rossback	Praise Team
<b>Scripture Reading</b> Philippians 4:4-7		Diane Head
<b>Children's Moments</b>		Rev. Deana
<b>*Reading from the Gospel</b> Luke 3:7-18		Pastor Michael
<b>Sermon</b> "What Should We Do?"		Pastor Michael
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>Song of Reflection</b> "Light Of The World"	Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, Paul Mabury	Praise Team
<b>A Service of Holy Communion</b>		Pastor Michael
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b> 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.		Pastor Michael
<b>*Closing Song</b> "Midnight Clear (Love Song)"	Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin	Praise Team
<b>*Blessing</b>  *Those who are able may stand		Pastor Michael

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent Decorations Gifts

If you would like to give a donation for the Sanctuary Advent Decorations in honor or memory of a loved one, make your check out to EFUMC and indicate on the memo line who the donation is in memory or honor of.

### White Christmas Service—December 19

As a church, we can come together and help those in our community that are in need. This year's angel trees will help get basic needs out to parents and children who do not have anything. We will be collecting items like comforters, sheets, clothing, etc. Please feel free to wrap your items in white or place in a white bag. The Angel trees are located in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

### Ministry Opportunity

Join the Worship A/V Team and help spread the gospel through multi-media. We are in critical need of volunteers for audio/visual/presentation operators, particularly for the 8:45 service. Many hands make light work! Come share in the mission! Contact Dale Dangler 901-6526.

### Curiosity Shoppe—Trim A Trim Christmas Shop Now Open

Lighted Christmas trees, center pieces for tables, wreaths, and various Christmas decorations are available for sale. All proceeds from the Shoppe help with projects around the church.

### Meetings/Events in our facility

As we begin to have more meetings here at the church especially during the holidays, please contact Lisa in the church office before you schedule an area to have your meeting or event. Lisa will check the facility calendar to confirm that the area that you want to use is free. We want to make sure that no two groups are planning to meet in the same area. Thanks!

### 2021 Contributions

All 2021 contributions need to be turned in to the church office by 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 30. Please keep in mind that online giving also must be deposited into the church's bank account by noon on Thursday, December 30. This gives time for the offerings to be counted and deposited at the bank before the church office closes for the New Year's holiday. All contributions received after 12:00 noon on December 30 will be counted as 2022 contributions.

### Ingles gift cards

Cards are available in the church office during regular office hours. Cards are in \$50.00 and \$100.00 increments. The church earns 5% of the face value of the card. The profits from the sale of the cards will be used for the mortgage debt retirement. If you are an Ingles shopper, this is a great way to help the church.

### December 19

Greeters: Heidi Mathis (8:45) T. D. Burnette (11:00)  
Ushers: George Bryant, Lee Lemere (11:00)  
Lay Readers: Jill Powell (8:45) Teresa Nash (11:00)  
Advent Wreath Lighters: Kevin & Pam Bishop (8:45)  
Jeff Fogle Family (11:00)

Lay Welcomer: Charlene Fetterly (8:45)  
Nursery: Joan Buffington (8:45) Dori Hood (11:00)  
A/V: Jeff Knox, Dale Dangler (8:45)  
Shirley Mayer, Kim Cannon (11:00)

### December 26—One Service at 10:30 am

Greeter: T. D. Burnette  
Ushers: George Bryant, Lee Lemere  
Lay Reader: Sandra Bandy  
A/V: Shirley Mayer, Kim Cannon, Daniel Correll

## WINTER ROSE CANTATA

Chancel Choir with Martha Kitterman, Flute; Brandon Dean, Oboe; Isaac Hoxit, Trumpet; Katie Hamilton, Cello; Claire Stam, Harp; Mary Boggess, Handbells; Sandy Lambour, Handbells; Jackson Betsill, Percussion; Steve Ellison, Organ; Pam Kelley, Narrator; Nancy Pace, Rose Placement Person

### “The Winter Rose”

Arr. Joseph Martin

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above,  
God sent from heaven’s garden a Rose to show His love.  
It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep.  
So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.  
The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight.  
And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light.  
They all breathed in its beauty, a precious, sweet perfume.  
And in the bleak midwinter the Rose began to bloom.  
O let us now remember when God put on the thorn.  
And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

### “Every Valley”

Arr. Joseph Martin

Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain be made low.  
Every valley shall be lifted, and the crooked be made whole.  
Sound the trumpet for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel; and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.  
O come, Emmanuel. Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel. Rejoice!

### “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Arr. Keith Christopher

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing.  
Christ, the Babe is Lord of all.  
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil ‘til the morning new.  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:  
Christ, the Babe was born for you.

### “Lullaby to a Rose”

Arr. Joseph Martin

Sara Bowden, Soprano Pastor Michael Hood, Tenor  
Little Jesus in my arms, Little Jesus, Holy One, close your dreary eyes.  
Little Jesus, precious Son, dream of stars and angel songs.  
I will stay here by your side. Sleep in peace tonight.  
Holy Jesus, Gift divine, I will sing to sleep your fears.  
You are safe, my child. I will kiss away your tears. Sleep in peace tonight.  
I recall on the day the angel came in mystery and heavenly power.  
God prepared a vessel pure to hold His precious flower.  
Little Jesus, Holy Child, one day the world will know:  
You are heaven’s miracle. Only God can make a rose. Lullay.

### “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Arr. Hal Hopson

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Alleluia!

### “From a Distant Home”

Arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir Men with Arnold Brown, Tenor Soloist  
From a distant home the Savior we come seeking,  
Using as our guide the star so brightly beaming.  
*Refrain:* Lovely eastern star that tells us of God’s morning,  
Heaven’s wondrous light, O never cease your shining!  
Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
And upon the earth be peace and love to all.  
Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy,  
Token of his power to reign above in glory.  
*Refrain:* Lovely eastern star...  
Frankincense I bring the child of God’s own choosing,  
Token of our prayers to heaven ever rising.  
*Refrain:* Lovely eastern star...  
Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,  
Token of the pain that he will bear to save us.  
*Refrain:* Lovely eastern star...

### “Look to the Rose”

Arr. Joseph Martin

Rose of Sharon, what a name for the Son of God who came.  
If you seek God’s love today, look to the Rose.  
Rose of Sharon, thorns Your crown, image of God’s grace come down.  
Where does God’s great love abound? Look to the Rose.  
From dry ground God’s gentle Flower came to show us love’s true power.  
Then, one day upon a hill, one by one the petals fell.  
Rose of Sharon, bloom today. May Your fragrance never fade.  
Plant Him in your heart to stay. Look to the Rose.

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**“Lo, How a Rose”**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old hath sung.  
It came a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.  
Isaiah was foretold it, The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.  
O Rose, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us;  
And share our every load. Alleluia, sing alleluia!

Arr. Joseph Martin

**\*Blessing**

Pastor Michael

**Closing Voluntary**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Steve Ellison, Organ



**Pre-Service Music**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Arr. John Carter  
“Meditation on ‘Of the Father’s Love Begotten’” Charles Callahan  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST LOUIS Arr. Mark Sedio

Steve Ellison, Organ

**Bell Tower Bells**

Ushers

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Michael

**Lighting of the Advent Candle—Isaiah 35:10**

Lemere Family

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.  
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.  
**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

**“Advent Song” TFWS #2090 (Verse 3) ADVENT CANDLE SONG**

Steve Ellison, Organ

Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;  
Angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**Opening Voluntary**

Steve Ellison, Organ

“Noel” Charles Collin  
Instrumental Ensemble; Steve Ellison, Organ

**\*Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES

**Congregation and Choir:**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Choir only:**

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum,  
(O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.)

**Congregation and Choir:**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Children’s Moments**

Rev. Deana

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Pastor Michael

**\*Reading from the Gospel**

Luke 3:7-18

**Sermon**

“What Should We Do?”

**Offering**

**Offertory**

“Christmas Pastorale” Marco Enrico Bossi

Steve Ellison, Organ

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Those who are able may stand