

Colonial Heights

United Methodist Church



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Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit or something you do every Sunday morning, we are delighted that you are here. Thank you for joining us today and we look forward to seeing you again. Have a blessed day!

Children's Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

David Eilart

Call to Worship O WISDOM, Holy Word of God, you govern all creation with Your strong yet tender care:
Come and show us the way to salvation.

O LORD OF ISRAEL, who showed Yourself to Moses in the burning bush and who gave the holy law on the Sinai Mountain:
Come, stretch out your mighty hand to redeem us.

O FLOWER OF JESSE, You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence, the nations bow down in worship before You:
Come, deliver us, do not delay.

O KEY OF DAVID, O royal Power of Israel controlling at Your will the gate of heaven:
Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and lead Your captive people into freedom.

O RISING DAWN, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
Come, shine on us those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O KING OF ALL NATIONS, the only joy of every human heart:
Come and save us the creatures you fashioned from the dust.

O God-WITH-US, Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people,
Come and set us free, O Lord Our God. Amen.

Opening Prayer Ever present God, you taught us that night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of Your son. Save us from the undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord and so abide in him that when he shall appear we will not be ashamed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Emmanuel

CCLI Song # 12949, Bob McGee

UMH 204

There's Something About That Name

CCLI Song # 14064, Gloria Gaither | William J. Gaither

UMH 171

Prayer and The
Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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, for ever. Amen.

Worship in Giving

Offertory

O Holy Night!

CCLI Song # 32015, Adolphe Charles Adam | John Sullivan
Dwight | Placide Cappeau

Patrick Minton

Doxology

UMH 94

Preparing for Christ's Coming

Blessing of the Advent Wreath People of God, we stand at the entrance of the church and at the doorway to the Christian year on this first Sunday of Advent.

How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and redeemer?

Let us hang a wreath so that we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity comes from God our maker and redeemer.

Lighting of the Advent Candle **CANDLE OF HOPE**

Reader One: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths” (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

(Light the first candles of the Advent wreath.)

Response

Good Christian Friends Rejoice, verse 1
CCLI Song # 31982, Public Domain

UMH 224

Blessing of the
Poinsettias

The poinsettia was named after Dr. Joel Robert Poinset, an ambassador to Mexico who first introduced it to the United States in 1828. The people of Mexico and Central America call the brilliant tropical plant the "Flower of the Holy Night."

How shall we make this place a reminder of God's promised coming?

Let us place bright red flowers in our midst as a sign of the Holy Night to come so that we might remember the brightness of God's love for us.

Response

Hymn of Promise, verse 1
CCLI Song # 126529, Natalie Sleeth

UMH 707

Blessing of the
Nativity Sets

The story of Advent is the story of a family, even an unexpected one. How shall we make this place a reminder that God works in unexpected ways, through unexpected people, with unexpected blessings? We shall place a nativity set to remind us that as we look upon the scene at the manger we will be reminded of the truth in the name of this special child, the name above all names, the name that allows us to receive love, joy, hope and peace - Emmanuel – For God is With Us.

Response

Away in A Manager, verse 1

UMH 217

Blessing of the Christmas Tree In the Chrismon tree we remember Jesus' birth and the signs that accompanied the life he gave for us.

And here we rekindle our prayer

- Come Lord Jesus -
as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.
How shall we make this place a reminder
that God has chosen to redeem us through a child?
By hanging symbols and signs
of Christ - ruler, prophet and priest.

By hanging stars, crosses, triangles,
the alpha and the omega,
to remind us of his identity,
his story, and of the holy Trinity.

Response

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 1 & 4
CCLI Song # 31982, John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore

UMH 211

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 1:1-17
This is the word of God for us the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message

People Who Prepare The Way : Our Ancestors

Rev. Rhonda Hobbs

Time of Reflection

Departing to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, verses 1 & 2
CCLI Song # 31999, Charles Wesley | Rowland Hugh Prichard

UMH 196

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing, as able*



A mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 11th** at First UMC Kingston Pike, combined choir cantata with First UMC (Devin Lyons), St Mark UMC (Steven Brown), and our CHUMC choir (Patrick Minton) We will have begin worship at 10:00 am here at Colonial Heights and continue to the cantata at First UMC on Kingston Pike that begins at 11:30 am.
**First UMC is located at
3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.**

This Week @ Colonial Heights Nov 27 to Dec 3

Office Hours Monday through Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The office will be closed Thursday as Lisa will be on vacation.

<u>Sunday</u> 9:45 am	Sunday School	<u>Wednesday</u> 5:30 pm	Handbell
10:45 am	Worship	6:00 pm	Choir
<u>Tuesday</u> 10:30 am	Yoga	7:00 pm	SpiritLed Practice
4:00 pm	Crafters	<u>Thursday</u> Closed	Church Office

**Christmas Eve service
will be at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday Christmas Day
worship will be at 10:00 am**



The **J. Ray Stuart Sunday School Class** invites all to their **Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th at 6 pm** in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join them. If you do plan to attend, please call Julia Dyker to RSVP.

Feed the Hungry Meals

The last meal of the year will be **Wednesday, Dec 14 from 5 to 6 pm**. This meal will be a holiday ham meal including ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, carrots, dinner roll and a gift box of Christmas goodies.

Donations Donations in memory of Charles Ketron were made by Al & Brenda Horn and Catherine (Cacky) Wentworth-Johnson, Blair Wentworth & Misty Hyde.

Thank You to everyone who helped on Thursday to feed our Community!

Patrick Minton - Music Director

Lisa Atkins - Admin & Communications

David Eilart - Pianist

Linda Brown - MDO Director