

December 8th, 2024

Preludes: "He Has Come For Us"
"At This Table"
"Make Room"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

O come, O come, Immanuel,

And be light for our darkness.

Be comfort in our grief,

Be a friend for our loneliness,

An oasis for our searching.

O come, O come, Immanuel,

Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen

*Song of Praise "How Great Is Our God"

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle "Peace"

Children's Message "Cookie Cutter Christmas-The Snowflake"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

Choir Anthem "Still, Still, Still"

The New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of mercy and grace, we pray that the gifts we offer this morning might be used to bring some compassion to the chaos that is our world. We give these gifts in love, hoping they will heal some of the hurting; and as they do, make the crooked road straight for the coming of the Christ. May the hills that separate us from sisters and brothers be made flat and may the valleys of our isolation be raised up, so we will be ready to welcome the Christ as one. In that holy name, we pray. Amen

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

Message:

Come Home for Christmas

Week 2

"The Fear of Home"

Music Ministry

"Someone Like Me"

*Hymn

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

UMH 221

Benediction

Hanging of the Crismons

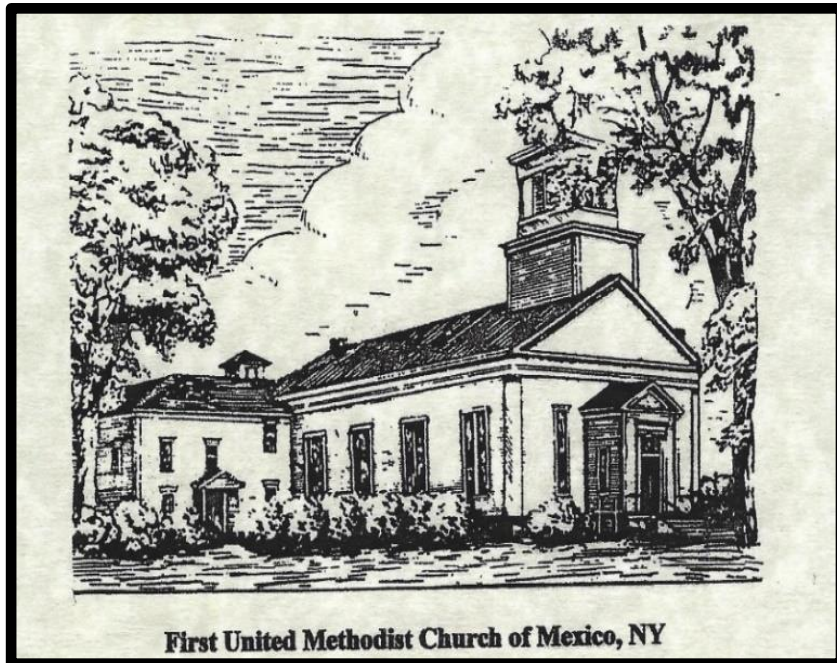
"5:7 For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

5:8 The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.5:9 For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him."

~Baruch 5:7-9~

**“Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

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**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**



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