

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 11:00 AM | DECEMBER 15, 2024



A SERVICE OF Lessons and Carols



MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Sheep May Safely Graze
Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Herbert Colvin

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist
Rick Massengale, Piano

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands! Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Leader and People
The Pierce Family

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." Isaiah 12:3 With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present in the world.

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together. **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Short

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

THE BIDDING PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

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.

A CAROL

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
John Gardiner

The Chamber Choir
Harrison Morgan, Percussion

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play.
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call...*

*In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call...*

*Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call...*

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Royce Anderson

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his Hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18
Suzie Lusk

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part:
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Libia Carmona

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a
George McKelvy

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A CAROL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arr. Mack Wilberg

The Chancel Choir
Fayette Young Singers

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always praising, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

*DOXOLOGY

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

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38
Travis Mayhew

The prophet in exile foresees the coming glory of the Lord.

A CAROL

Every Valley
Victor Johnson

The Chancel Choir

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low;
the crooked made straight and the rough places plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
Then the wolf dwell with the lamb; and the leopard will lie down with the goat.
The calf and the lion will live together; and a child, a little child will lead them;
and this child will be peace.
Every valley shall be exalted.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together.*

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7
Robertine Mitchely

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

A CAROL

The Coventry Carol

arr. Mark Hayes

Sam Burch, Baritone

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day?
This poor youngling for whom we do sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay?"
Herod the king, in his raging
Charged he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.
That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
"Bye bye, lully, lullay."
Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16
Kerry Wright

The shepherds go to the manger.

A CAROL

Still, Still, Still

arr. Norman Luboff

The Chancel Choir
Fayette Young Singers

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12
Rebecca Stevens

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14
James Stevens

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

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 heavenly 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!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

CHORAL RESPONSE

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus
arr. Barlow Bradford

The Chancel Choir

Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
for these are the things Jesus taught.

*POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella
arr. Keith Chapman

Mr. Bowden, organ

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Acolytes enter the sanctuary symbolizing the light of Christ with us as we gather.
As they depart carrying the light, we remember Christ goes with us as we serve the world.

SEASON OF THE NATIVITY SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:45 AM – FFUMC Chapel
11:00 AM – FFUMC Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Kaylen Short

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Led by Rev. Allyson Lawrence
7:00 PM – FFUMC Chapel

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra
7:00 PM – FFUMC Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM – FFUMC Sanctuary
6:00 PM – FFUMC Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Kaylen Short
Music by The Chancel Choir

11:00 PM – FFUMC Chapel
Message by Rev. Kaylen Short
Music by The Chamber Choir

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:45 AM – FFUMC Chapel
11:00 AM – FFUMC Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Charles Robinson

EPIPHANY SUNDAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:45 AM – FFUMC Chapel
Message by Rev. Kaylen Short
10:00 AM – Churchwide Potluck Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM – FFUMC Sanctuary
Message by Rev. Kaylen Short

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Jerry Light

Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman

Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Blanche Babcock
December 9, 2024

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with
the family and friends of Blanche Babcock who passed on December 9.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Theresa "Sib" Watkins by her husband, James Watkins.

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