

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent | 8:45 & 11:00 AM | DECEMBER 11, 2022



## A SERVICE OF Lessons and Carols



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
arr. James Curnow

FFUMC Orchestra  
Rick Massengale, Director

### \*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

*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:*

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore him,  
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*God of God, light of light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:  
Refrain*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest:  
Refrain*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
WORD of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
Refrain*



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Come and See!

**"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."** Isaiah 35:1-2, 8, 10 NRSV

The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God's house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

**The Psalmist says "Happy are these whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord . . . who made heaven and earth . . . who keeps faith . . . who executes justice . . . gives food . . . sets prisoners free . . . opens eyes . . . lifts up . . . watches over . . . upholds . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!"** Psalm 146 NRSV

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God's promise.

*Choral Congregational Response:*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**THE BIDDING PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
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 (11:00)**

*A Home for Jesus*  
Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Choir  
Joan Aycock, Director

*Let us make a home for Jesus in our heart.*

*He will come to be born for us, born for us in Bethlehem.  
He will come to be born for us. Will you make a place for him?*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

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

**A CAROL**

*Night of Miracles*  
John W. Peterson

Chancel Choir  
Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

*Glorious night of miracles! Wondrous night of miacles! The stars are brilliantly unfurled;*

Christ, the long awaited King, now is born and angels sing, Rejoice!  
O weary, worn and wand'ring world!

The miracle of prophecy proclaimed by sages old, fulfilled so very carefully in everyting it told;  
The anthem of the angel choir that echoed till the dawn,  
The star that rained its light and fire to lead the wisemen on.  
To lead the wisemen on, to lead the wisemen on, to lead the wisemen on.

Glorious night of miracles! Wondrous night of miracles!  
No more need men on earth repine;  
Glorious night of miracles! Wondrous night of miracles!  
They all combine and shine to make this night divine!  
Combine and shine to make this night divine!

## THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

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

## A CAROL

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
arr. Jason W. Krug

FFUMC Handbells  
Judy Hames, Director  
Bastien Millo, Conductor

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

## A CAROL

*The Star Carol*  
Wihla Hutson & Alfred Burt

Chancel Choir

Long years ago on a deep winter night,  
High in the heav'ns a star shone bright,  
While in a manger a wee baby lay,  
Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.

Jesus the Lord was that baby so small,  
Laid down to sleep in a humble stall;  
Then came the star and it stood overhead,  
shedding its light 'round His little bed.

Dear baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art,  
I'll make a place for Thee in my heart,  
And when the stars in the heavens I see,  
Ever and always I think of Thee.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A CAROL

Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling  
The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Family  
Hector Berlioz

Chancel Choir

*Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare.  
Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share.  
Loving father, Loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!*

*Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear.  
In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here!  
May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to thy heart be dear!*

*Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild!  
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, The Holy Child!  
God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!*

\*DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

**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

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

A CAROL

Jesu Parvule  
Poor Little Jesus  
Bates G. Burt & Alfred Burt

Chancel Choir

*Jesu par-vu-le  
on Thy couch of hay.  
Greet we Thee today,  
sweet Son of Mary.  
Be Thy slumber deep  
while fair angels keep  
vigil o'er Thy sleep,  
blest Babe of Mary.*

*'Tis Thy joy to see  
Kings on bended knee,  
off'ring gifts to Thee,  
sweet Son of Mary.  
But Thou may'st not know  
what these gifts fore-show  
of they future woe,  
blest Babe of Mary.*

*Let this gold the while  
with its glint beguile,  
Thy dear lips to smile,  
sweet Son of Mary.*

*May no shadow gray,  
cloud one happy day  
of Thine infant play,  
blest Babe of Mary.*

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

## A CAROL

*No Room & Sleep Holy Child  
from Night of Miracles  
John W. Peterson*

Chancel Choir  
Jessica Wax, soloist

*No room only a manger of hay; no room He is a stranger today;  
No room here in His world turned away; no room, no room;  
No room here in the hearts of mankind; no room no cheery welcome could find;  
No room surely the world is blind, no room.*

*Angels in heaven up yonder, watch with amazement and wonder,  
To see the Son of the Highest treated so;  
No room only a manger of hay; no room He is a stranger today;  
No room here in His world turned away; no room, no room, no room.*

*Sleep holy Child for Thou art safe in Heaven's keeping,  
Angels hover near, and they are here to guard Thy sleeping;  
Shadows of the night will in the morning light be gone,  
Sleep holy Child, so meek and mild, sleep on.*

*At Thy crib we find faith and hope have shined;  
Beaming, their light is beaming, gleaming to all mankind.  
Sleep holy Child, tonight with Thee our hopes all rest,  
Matchless is Thy worth, for in Thy birth the earth is blest.*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

## A CAROL

*Silent Night  
arr. Linda Lamb*

FFUMC Handbells

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

## A CAROL

*Bright, Bright The Holly Berries  
Wihla Hutson & Alfred Burt*

Chancel Choir

*Bright, bright the holly berries  
In the wreath upon the door.  
Bright, bright the happy faces  
With the thoughts of joys in store.  
White, white the snowy meadow  
Wrapped in slumber deep and sweet.*

White, white the mistletoe  
'Neath which two lovers meet.  
This is Christmas; this is Christmas;  
This is Christmas time. (It's Christmas time.)

Gay, gay the children's voices  
Filled with laughter, filled with glee.  
Gay, gay the tinsel things  
Upon the dark and spicy tree,  
Day, day when all mankind  
May hear the angel's song again,  
Day, day when Christ was born  
To bless the sons of men.  
This is Christmas; this is Christmas;  
This is Christmas time. (It's Christmas time.)

Sing, sing, ye heavenly host  
To tell the blessed Savior's birth.  
Sing, sing in holy joy  
Ye dwellers all upon the earth.  
King, King yet tiny Babe  
Come down to us from God above.  
King, King of every heart  
Which opens wide to love.  
This is Christmas; this is Christmas;  
This is Christmas time. (It's Christmas time.)

## THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

## \* CONGREGATIONAL 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!"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*  
arr. Keith Chapman

Mr. Maxey, organ

*When the crucifer, acolytes and ministers have departed the sanctuary,  
the congregation is dismissed to serve God and neighbor.*

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

READERS at 11:00 AM:

Barbara Condon, Kaydee Matthews, Jeffre Ray, Randy Riddell, Ben Smith

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Martha Hale

Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings  
Sara Johnston

Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Tom Starling  
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles  
Mabel Wilbanks

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God**  
by Wayne and Judy Reynolds in remembrance of their son, Todd Chamlee.



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