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Spark means action.

The Season of the Nativity
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in both ways:
as light for our way
and as acts of grace.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Carol of the Bells
arr. Mark Hayes
Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Psalm 25:1-5

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

*HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
HYFRYDOL

*INVOCATION

Dr. Martin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Rev. Lawrence and **People**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal UMH 881*

***GLORIA PATRI**

GLORIA

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Congregational Response:

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence and People

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.

***HYMN 216**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Advent Message
Martin How

Chancel Choir

Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O come quickly. Come, Lord Jesus. O come quickly.

Come, Lord, come. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

Yea, come quickly. Yea, come quickly. Yea, come quickly. Come, Lord, come.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Come, Lord, come.

***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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

*Children are invited to return to their seats. No Wonders of Worship today.
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.*

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:5-13

Rev. Lawrence

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spark: Prayers

Dr. Martin

*HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*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

Noel, Noel, Noel, Tidings Now We Bring Medley
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers
Nancy Byers

Richard Clayton
Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale

Chenelle Hernandez
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin

Claudia Rhodes
Helen Voyles
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God

and in celebration of Serena Ladd's birthday on November 24 and Robert Ladd's birthday on November 29 by Linda Ladd.



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