

Franklin United Methodist Church

December 12, 2021



Sunday Morning Worship online at <http://umc-franklin.org/sunday-morning-worship>



Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

Prayer and Scripture Mary Kamas Isaiah 12:2-6 & Zephaniah 3:14-20

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, He has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

Offertory Music

Kimberly Perez

Doxology
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 Message Reverend Polly Standing

Prelude and Entrance of Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Candle

As we get ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we may expect to feel happy all the time. After all, as the saying goes, "it's the most wonderful time of the year!" But, it's easy to let the hustle and bustle of the season prevent you from the happiness we associate with Christmas. However, joy is not the same as happy. Joy is a deeper feeling created by knowing that God cares for us. Joy is remembering that God sent His only begotten son, Jesus, so that we would be redeemed.

The first Sunday in Advent we lit one blue candle for hope. Last Sunday we lit one blue candle for peace. Today we light the pink candle for joy!

It really is the most wonderful time of the year, because as the prophet Isaiah forewarns, "They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." All because of the baby in the manger, who was sent that we may have life everlasting.

Join in Singing

**Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy.
He brings joy to every heart, he comes! He comes!
(Repeat)**

Praise Songs

*"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"
"What Child is This With Indescribable"*

Children's Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Invitational

Invitational Hymn

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

Now let us remind ourselves of what we believe as we head out into the world.

Apostles' Creed

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)

Remember those who serve in our Military

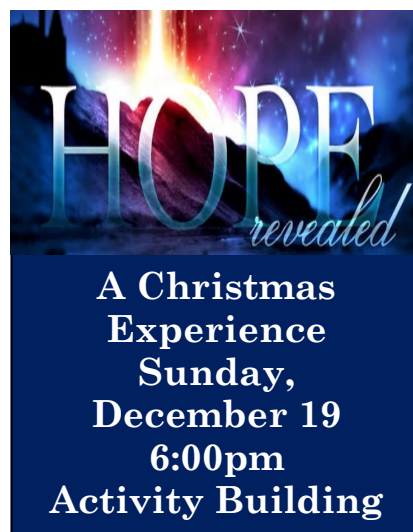
Eric Michael (Air Force)	Benjamin Standing (National Guard)
PFC Joseph Pawley (Army)	All Others, known by God

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday: 65

Many are also watching the Sunday Worship Live or on the videos posted on the church's website, Facebook page or YouTube. Views recorded for Sunday, December 5 (as of Thursday 12/9) 40

Giving Totals for Last Week

General Fund Offering	\$	10,670.00
Building Fund	\$	410.00
Memorial-Designated	\$	110.00
Bus Donation	\$	1,000.00



Tuesday, December 14	Bible Study—Activity Building	10:00am
	A.S.K. Tutoring Sessions	3:00—5:00pm
Wednesday, December 15	Women's Emmaus	8:00—9:00am
	Choir	5:00pm
	Youth Group~Christmas Pary at Kamas' house	6:00pm
Thursday, December 16	Men's Emmaus	6:30—7:30am
Sunday, December 19	Hope Revealed~A Christmas Experience In the Activity Building	6:00pm

Purpose: Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.

Vision: Franklin UMC shares God's love, Christ's sacrifice, and our faith for the salvation of the world.

Mission: We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve and share.

Key Verse: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." - John 3:16-17

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