

# Franklin United Methodist Church

December 5, 2021



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



## Prayer and Scripture

**Andy Reed**  
**Luke 2:22-35**

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You may now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

## Offertory Music

### 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*

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light one blue candle for Peace. All over the world people are searching for peace. They look for it in books, music and special celebrations. They seek it in government, at work and in their homes. Sometimes we find it in quiet moments. In memories. In special locations. Perhaps you feel at peace now. However there is only one way to feel real, everlasting peace, and that is through Jesus Christ, that baby in the manger that was sent by our loving Father.

### *Join in Singing*

**Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.**

**He brings peace to every heart, he comes! He comes! (Repeat)**

## Praise Songs

*“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”  
“Here I Am to Worship/Away in a Manger”*

## Children’s Sermon

*Children are encouraged to join us at the front.*

## Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

## 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

*“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

*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: 85

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, November 28 (as of Thursday 12/2) 59

#### Giving Totals for Last Week

General Fund Offering	\$ 3,292.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Memorial-Designated	\$ 6,100.00



**Saturday, December 11  
9:00 am—Noon**

Tuesday, December 7	Bible Study—Activity Building	10:00am
	A.S.K. Tutoring Sessions	3:00—5:00pm
Wednesday, December 8	Women's Emmaus	8:00—9:00am
	Choir	5:00pm
	Youth Group	6:00pm
	Praise Band	6:30pm
	<b>SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE~SANCTUARY</b>	7:00pm
Thursday, December 9	Men's Emmaus	6:30—7:30am
Saturday, December 11	<b>COOKIE WALK~Activity Building</b>	9:00—Noon

**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