

Franklin Methodist Church

December 11, 2022

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



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

*“Promises”
“One Thing Remains”*

Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

Prayer and Scripture

Ken Reinhardt

Romans 15:8-13

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.” Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.” And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Offertory Music

“The First Noel”

Lead Me Back to Bethlehem Mini Cantata
Franklin Methodist Church Choir

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

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Remember those who serve in our Military

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

December Mission of the Month

Christmas Angels

Be sure to have your Christmas Angel gifts returned to the church on or before next Sunday, December 18. Instructions for preparing your gifts are on the Missions Table in the Sanctuary or feel free to call the church office.

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday: 92

Many are also watching the Sunday Worship Live or on the videos posted on the church's website, Facebook page or YouTube. Video views for Sunday, December 4 (as of Thursday 12/8) 58

General Offering	\$	7,412.00
Building Fund	\$	750.00
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$	509.00



Please Join Us for a Special Family/Children's Ministry Event this Afternoon

We will venture as a group across the street to spend a “Night in Bethlehem.” This will be a hands-on experience with a live Nativity. Upon arrival you will receive items that will enhance your experiences as you journey from booth to booth collecting items. It will be outdoors so please dress warm (if needed). There is no cost for this event.

We plan on going as a group from the church so please meet at the Activity Building at 4:15pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today	Finance/Trustees Committee Meeting Night in Bethlehem~Meet at Activity Building	After Worship 4:15pm
Monday, December 12	Salsa Pick Up in Kitchen of Activity Building	3:00—6:00pm
Tuesday, December 13	PreSchool Christmas Program in Sanctuary NO BIBLE STUDY A.S.K. Tutoring	9:45am 3:15—5:00pm
Wednesday, December 14	Women's Emmaus Choir/Ukulele Band Christmas Party @ Rhonda Miller's House Youth Group Christmas Party @ Julie Jarrell's House BLAST—at Church Parsonage (503 N. Glass @ corner of Gay St.)	8:00am—9:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm
Thursday, December 15	Men's Emmaus	6:30—7:30am

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

Vision: Franklin Methodist Church 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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