

Franklin Methodist Church

December 18, 2022

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



Prelude and Entrance of Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We thank You, Gracious God, for the love You have given through Your son, Jesus Christ. This morning, as we prepare our hearts, as we anticipate his coming, shine Your light on us. Prepare us to share Your light and love with those in this world that have not seen past the pain and darkness.

There are three candles that have been lit: one for hope, one for peace and one for joy. Today we light the last blue candle for love!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3: 16-17.

What amazing love!

Join in Singing

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.

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

Praise Songs

*“King of Kings”
“Same”*

Children’s Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

Prayer and Scripture

Jeff Ripley

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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**

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

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)

Invitational

Invitational Hymn

“Here I Am Lord”

Commissioning of the Moran Family for Missionary Service

Apostles’ Creed

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday: 102	
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 12/15) 153 (yes, that is right!!)	
Giving Totals for Last Week	
General Offering	\$ 8,212.00
Building Fund	\$ 5,050.00
Cookie Walk	\$ 4,755.63
Memorial-Designated~Other	\$ 120.00
Salsa Sales~Youth Missions	\$ 2,376.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today	Commissioning of the Moran Family for Missionary Service	During Worship
Tuesday, December 20	Bible Study NO A.S.K. Tutoring	10:00am—Noon
Wednesday, December 21	NO WOMEN’S EMMAUS	
Thursday, December 22	NO MEN’S EMMAUS	
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	6:00pm
NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY~~MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!		
CHURCH OFFICE ON LIMITED HOURS ALL WEEK		

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