



FILL US ALL WITH

Hope

*Prelude*

*Greeting & Announcements*

Information may also be found on the screens before service.

*Church Family Celebrations!*

*Call To Worship, Entrance of Acolytes & Children*

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.  
**Repeat**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle*

This is the first Sunday in Advent. Today, we light one blue candle for Hope. We wait for the day when we celebrate the birth of our Savior and we hope that all will come to know and worship God.

*Join the Children in Singing*

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

*Praise Songs*

*“While We Are Waiting, Come”*

While we are waiting, come;  
While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

With pow’r and glory come;  
With pow’r and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

*“The Name of the Lord”*

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord most High!  
**Repeat**

Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord,  
Glory to the name of the Lord most High!  
**Repeat**

The name of the Lord is  
A strong tower  
The righteous run into it  
And they are saved.  
**Repeat**

Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord,  
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High!  
**Repeat**

The name of the Lord is  
A strong tower  
The righteous run into it  
And they are saved.  
**Repeat**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!  
**Repeat**

*Opening Prayer*

*Meghan Moran*

*First Scripture*

*Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the LORD—to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek Your prosperity.

*The 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 (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Hymn*

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

*(Page 206 in Hymnal—All verses)*

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**Chorus**

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

**Repeat Chorus**

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Repeat Chorus**



*Second Scripture*

*Matthew 24:36-44*

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. "Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

*The Message*

*Rev. Polly D. Standing*  
*"The Wonder of Christmas*  
*Part 1"*

*Invitation To The Table*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

*Offering*

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*Offertory*

*"Carol of the Bells"*

*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 Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear You from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich You send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant to be Emmanuel, Your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to Your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

## Sunday, December 1, 2019

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### Invitational Hymn

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**  
*(Page 196 in Hymnal-All verses)*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### Closing Response

**"Bind Us Together"**

Bind us together, Lord bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love.  
There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body, that is why I sing:  
Bind us together, Lord bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love.

**Purpose:** *Willing & Ready to Follow & 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.*

### Special Dates to Remember

Friday, December 6	Sonshine Strummers
Saturday, December 7	Feast of Sharing
Saturday, December 14	Cookie Walk
Wednesday, December 18	Sonshine Strummers
Sunday, December 22	Children's Christmas Choir Performance
Tuesday, December 24	Candlelight Service at 6pm

Worship Attendance Last Sunday 80

General Giving	\$ 1,576.00
Building Fund Giving	\$ 150.00
Memorial/Designated	\$ 440.00

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Sunday Small Groups: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

