

Christmas Eve Service 2019

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.*

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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Sunday Small Groups: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM



In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. The Gospel of John

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Prelude

Church Family Celebrations!

Call To Worship, Entrance of Acolytes & Children

Video presentation of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"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

Tonight is Christmas Eve. We light three blue candles: for Hope, Peace & Love, one pink candle: for Joy, and we also light the white candle in the center. When we light this candle, we celebrate Jesus' birth and are reminded that the waiting has ended. Our Savior has come.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.. - John 1:1-5.

Join the Children in Singing

**Light one candle for Christ, one bright candle for Christ.
God sent Christ for every heart, he comes! He comes! (Repeat)**

Invitational Hymn

"Silent Night"

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King:
"Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."

Holiday Hours:

Closed On: Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Jan. 1, Jan. 3

Limited Hours On: Dec. 30, Dec. 31, Jan. 2,

Please remember that the Church office will still be getting work done, but the hours and availability will be limited during the Holidays. Should you need assistance, you may always call, text or email us:

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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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. You loved the world so much You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. As the angels sang glory to You in the highest and peace to Your people on earth, 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. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so 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. As Your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so 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." 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 (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

"O Holy Night"

Jarod Hill

Praise Songs

"The First Noel"
(Page 245 in Hymnal)

The first noel the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And, there it did both stop and stay;
Right over the place, where Jesus lay.

Repeat Chorus

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.

Repeat Chorus

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(Page 234 in Hymnal~Verses 1, 3 & 6)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Pause

Chorus

**O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Pause ...then repeat chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

Pause...then repeat chorus

Repeat Chorus

**O come, let us adore Him –
Christ, -- the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

Wayne Huggins

First Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-14

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

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)

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.

"The Savior's Song"

Children's Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-18

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Children's Sermon

Jim Hanks

Third Scripture Reading

Luke 2:19-20

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

"Mary Did You Know?"

Faithful Nation

The Message

Rev. Polly D. Standing

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.

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 and Amen.

Offering

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

Offertory

"O Holy Night"

The Great Thanksgiving for Christmas Eve

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.