

Franklin United Methodist Church

December 13, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13	Advent Study~Activity Building	9:00am
Wednesday, December 16	Women's Morning Emmaus	7:30 - 8:30am
	Choir Practice	5:00pm
	Youth Group~Activity Building	6:00pm
Thursday, December 17	Men's Emmaus	6:30 - 7:30am
Friday, December 18	Old Fashion Family Christmas~Activity Building	6:30 - 7:30pm

ELECTRONIC GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!!

PAYPAL

VENMO

<http://paypal.me/Franklintxumc>

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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: 60

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, December 6, 2020
(as of Thursday 12/10) 44

Giving Totals for Past Week

General Fund Offering \$ 7,018.00
Building Note Fund \$ 5,610.00
Memorial/Designated \$ 118.00

December Monthly Mission Christmas Angels

Pastor	Rev. Polly D. Standing
PT Children's Ministry	Destiny Havard
Administrative Assistant	Frances Boyette
Treasurer	Keith Kamas
Custodian	Maria Cottrell
Director of Nursery	Debbie Harris
Nursery Staff	Destiny Havard,
	Karlie Kissinger
Director of Choir	Rhonda Miller
Pianist	Terrie Foltermann
Keyboardist	Cathy Reed
Guitarists	Andy Harris & Andy Reed
Sound Technician	John Standing
Visual Media	Laura Corn, Christina Martin,
	Caitlyn Martin
Communion Helpers	Servant Leaders of the Congregation
Acolytes	Children of the Church
Lay Reader	Olivia Campbell
Greeters & Ushers	Ken Reinhardt and Noah Reinhardt
Ministers of the Gospel Message	All Church Members

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

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Sunday Small Groups at 9:00am & Worship at 10:15am

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



Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Church Family Celebrations!

Call To Worship & Entrance of Acolytes

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

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

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 peace. Last Sunday we lit one blue candle for hope. 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

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God is with us, reveal'd in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Repeat

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

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

Repeat

Opening Prayer

Olivia Campbell

First Scriptures

Exodus 15:1-3 & Philippians 4:4-8

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted. Both horse and driver He has hurled into the sea. "The LORD is my strength and my defense, He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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.

Children's Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Special Music

Chelsea Janacek

"Messiah" by Francesca Battistelli

Second Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

The Message

Pastor Polly Standing

Sermon Notes:

Time of 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.**

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**

Invitational Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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!**

True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb,
Son of the Father,
Begotten, not created
Pause...then chorus

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 chorus

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

Closing Response

"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

May the good Lord bless and keep you
Whether near or far away
May you find that long awaited golden day today
May your troubles all be small ones
And your fortunes ten times ten
May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again.

Bring a blanket for your family to sit on and experience an **Old Fashion Family Christmas.**



The Christmas flowers for the church have been ordered. This year, instead of purchasing individual poinsettias, you can make a general donation for the flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers for the church please contact the church office at 979-828-3355 or indicate "flowers" on your check or electronic donation.

You can still make that donation in honor or memory of someone, just please be sure to indicate that. If you have any questions just call the church office.