## Franklin United Methodist Church

December 20, 2020

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 20 Advent Study~Activity Building 9:00am

Wednesday, December 23 NO YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30pm

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 or text us:

 Rev. Polly D. Standing
 281-733-0978

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 972-268-3558

You can also email the church at franklinumc@gmail.com. Emails are

constantly monitored.

# ELECTRONIC GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!! PAYPAL VENMO

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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 13, 2020

(as of Thursday 12/17) 61

**Giving Totals for Past Week** 

General Fund Offering \$ 3,677.00 Building Note Fund \$ 1,500.00 Memorial~Designated \$ 1,110.00 CookieWalk \$ 3,978.95

Wishing you a very
Merry
Christmas!!

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 Hayard. 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 **Grady Harris** 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-worship



#### Prelude

Greeting & Announcements
Church Family Celebrations!
Call To Worship & Entrance of Acolytes

### "While We Are Waiting, Come"

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

## 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**

## "To A Maid Engaged to Joseph"

To a maid engaged to Joseph, The angel Gabriel came, "Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news, Good news I come to tell you, Good news, I say, good news."

"Fear not, for God is with you, And you shall bear a child. His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high. And he shall reign forever, Forever reign on high."

As Mary heard the angel She wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," She said unto her God, "So be it, I am ready According to your Word."

## "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus, Laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky, Looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle, Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear children, In thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, To live with thee there.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Grady Harris**

#### **First Scripture**

**Luke 3:1-9** 

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the highpriesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation." John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

## **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**

Caitlyn Martin "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle

### **Second Scripture**

**Luke 3:10-16** 

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" "Don't collect any more than you are required to, "he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay." The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

# 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**

### "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love all divine; Love was born at Christmas; Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine; Worship we our Jesus, But where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; Love be yours and love be mine; Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

## **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.

