

Franklin United Methodist Church

December 6, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday-Friday December 6-11	Decorating in Activity Building for Cookie Walk	
Wednesday, December 9	Women's Emmaus	7:00-8:00am
	Youth Group~Education Building	6:00pm
Thursday, December 10	Men's Emmaus	6:30am - 7:30am
Saturday, December 12	Cookie Walk in Activity Building	9:00am - Noon
Sunday, December 13	Finance Committee	After Worship

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Remember those who serve in our Military. Thank You for your service!

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 videos on the church's website, Facebook page or YouTube.

Views recorded for Sunday, November 29, 2020 63
(as of Thursday 12/03)

Giving Totals for Last Week

General Fund Offering	\$ 3,600.00
Building Note Fund	\$ 2,750.00
Memorial-Special Designated	\$ 75.00

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	John "Carty" Hicks
Greeters & Ushers	Ken & 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 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"

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

This is the second 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 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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Repeat Chorus

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Repeat Chorus

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go.
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Opening Prayer

John "Carty" Hicks

First Scripture

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

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.

Second Scripture**Luke 1:5-25**

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days He has shown His favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

The Message**Rev. Polly D. Standing****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.**

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 God, 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.**

Invitational Hymn

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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

"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.

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."

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.

Receiving of the Bread and Cup**Prayer After Receiving**

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
9:00AM to NOON**