

Franklin United Methodist Church

January 3, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 6	Women's Emmaus	7:00-8:00am
	Youth Group~Activity Building	6:00pm
Thursday, January 7	Men's Emmaus	6:30am - 7:30am
Sunday, January 10	Finance/Trustees Committee Meeting	After Worship

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

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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

Many are watching the Sunday Worship Live as well as watching the videos on the church's website, Facebook page or YouTube.

Pastor	Rev. Polly D. Standing
PT Director of Family 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	
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

"What Can I Give Him?"

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him?
Give him my heart.

Repeat

Praise Songs

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

"We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Repeat Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshiping God on high.

Repeat Chorus

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Repeat Chorus

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through,
The earth and skies.

Repeat Chorus

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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.

Special Video Presentation
“The Nativity Story”
Chris Tomlin and Lauren Daigle

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: Before the mountains were brought forth, or You had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, You alone are God. 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.

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. In whom You have revealed Yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in Your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, You have led Your people from far places to his light.

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, 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.

Invitational Hymn*“Love Has Come*

Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love!
Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love!
Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come share in the wonder;
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love!
Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love!
Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come—He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us;
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love!
Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love!
Praise to You, God on high!

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.