



# Franklin United Methodist Church

December 19, 2021

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



## Prayer and Scripture

**Reese Rawson**  
**Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Special Choir Presentation

*"Angels are Making Their Rounds"*  
*"The Coming of the Lord"*

**The Message**     **Reverend Polly Standing**

## Offertory Music

*"A Christmas Hallelujah"*  
**Wayne Huggins**

## 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**

## Prelude and Entrance of Acolytes

### *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)**

## Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

### **Children's Sermon**

*Children are encouraged to join us at the front.*

## Pastoral 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.

## Invitational

### Invitational Hymn

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"  
"Love Has Come"*

*Now let us remind ourselves of what we believe as we  
head out into the world.*

## 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)

## 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: 95

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 12  
(as of Thursday 12/16) 64

### Giving Totals for Last Week

General Fund Offering	\$ 4,415.00
Building Fund	\$ 5,600.00
Cookie Walk	\$ 3,735.70
Memorial-Designated	
Salsa Youth Fundraiser	\$ 3,027.00



A Christmas  
Experience  
Sunday,  
TONIGHT  
6:00pm  
Activity Building



**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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