



# Franklin Methodist Church

December 10, 2023

GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

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



## Prelude and Entrance of Acolytes

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light one blue candle for Peace. All over the world people are searching for peace. They look for it in books, music and special celebrations. They seek it in government, at work and in their homes. Sometimes we find it in quiet moments. In memories. In special locations. Perhaps you feel at peace now. However there is only one way to feel real, everlasting peace, and that is through Jesus Christ, that baby in the manger that was sent by our loving Father.

### Join in Singing

**Light one candle for peace,  
One bright candle for peace.**

**He brings peace to every heart,  
He comes! He comes! (Repeat)**

## Announcements and Church Family Celebrations

### Praise Songs

*“Great Are You Lord”  
“Here I Am to Worship (Away in a Manger)”*

### Children’s Sermon

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

### Prayer and Scripture

**Julie Neyland  
Judges 13:2-7**

A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. Now see to it that you drink no wine or other

fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.” Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. But he said to me, ‘You will become pregnant and have a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb until the day of his death.’”

**John 1:40-46**

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

### Offertory Music

*“Bethlehem Wind”*

*Franklin Methodist Church Choir*

### 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 Message      Reverend Polly Standing**

### Invitational

### Invitational Hymn

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”  
(page 240 in hymnal~~All Verses)*

*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)



Please plan on staying after Worship on Sunday, December 17 for an important, quick, church meeting. The Admin Council would like input on a recommendation before us on the way to proceed on the Wesley House. A vote will be taken.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday there will be **NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** on Christmas Eve. Please join us at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service beginning at 6:00pm.



**Worship Attendance for last Sunday: 77**

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 3 (as of Thursday 12/7) 19

#### Giving Totals for Last Week

General Offering	\$	7,204.44
Building Fund	\$	70.00
Memorial~Designated	\$	350.00

## Mission of the Month Christmas Angels

THANK YOU for blessing the children of Franklin with your Christmas Gifts.

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your gifts no later than next Sunday, December 17.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY	Finance/Trustees Committee Meeting	After Worship
Monday, December 11	ESL in Activity Building	6:00pm
Tuesday, December 12	Preschool <i>Thank You, Baby Jesus</i> Christmas program ASK Tutoring	10:15am 3:15—5:00pm
Wednesday, December 13	Women's Emmaus No Ukulele Band or Choir Practice Youth Group BLAST	8:00am—9:00am  6:00pm 6:00pm
Thursday, December 14	Men's Emmaus	6:30am—7:30am
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>	<b>SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING</b> <b>Please return Christmas Angel Gifts</b>	<b>AFTER WORSHIP</b>

**Purpose:** Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.

**Vision:** Franklin Methodist Church 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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