



Franklin Methodist Church

December 17, 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

As we get ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we may expect to feel happy all the time. After all, as the saying goes, "it's the most wonderful time of the year!" But, it's easy to let the hustle and bustle of the season prevent you from the happiness we associate with Christmas. However, joy is not the same as happy. Joy is a deeper feeling created by knowing that God cares for us. Joy is remembering that God sent His only begotten son, Jesus, so that we would be redeemed.

The first Sunday in Advent we lit one blue candle for hope. Last Sunday we lit one blue candle for peace. Today we light the pink candle for joy! It really is the most wonderful time of the year, because as the prophet Isaiah forewarns, "They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." All because of the baby in the manger, who was sent that we may have life everlasting.

Join in Singing

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy.
He brings joy to every heart,
He comes! He comes! (Repeat)

Announcements and Church Family Celebrations

Praise Songs

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
"Hymn of Joy"

Children's Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Prayer and Scripture

Julie Jarrell

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13, 21-22

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."...Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."

John 7:37-44

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Offertory Music

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(Page 230 in Hymnal~Verse 1)

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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(page 234 in Hymnal~Verses 1,2 &3)

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 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: 91

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 10 (as of Thursday 12/14) 23

Giving Totals for Last Week

General Offering	\$	7,813.34
Building Fund	\$	400.00
Memorial~Designated	\$	655.00
Cookie Walk	\$	5,335.76



Due to the holidays the all church meeting has been postponed until after the new year.

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 Sunday, December 17.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, December 18	NO ESL in Activity Building	6:00pm
Tuesday, December 19	NO ASK Tutoring	
Wednesday, December 20	Women's Emmaus Ukulele Band and Choir Christmas Party at the Millers	8:00am—9:00am 5:30PM
Thursday, December 21	Men's Emmaus	6:30am—7:30am
Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Only (No Sunday Morning Worship Service)	6:00pm

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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