



# Franklin Methodist Church

December 31, 2023

GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

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



## Prelude and Entrance of Acolytes

## Announcements and Church Family Celebrations

## Praise Songs

*"What Child is This"*  
(Page 219 in Hymnal-3 verses)  
*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*  
(Page 229 in Hymnal-2 verses)

## Children's Sermon

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

## Prayer and Scripture

**Julie Jarrell**  
**Isaiah 40:25-31**

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

**Romans 8:19-25**

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation

was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## Offertory Music

*"We Three Kings"*  
(Page 254 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

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## Invitational

## Invitational Hymn

*"The First Noel"*  
(Page 245 in Hymnal~Verses 1,2,3 &5)

*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)

## Christmas Angels

### Mission of the Month

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

### CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

The Church Conference will be held immediately following worship and will be facilitated by Reverend Chappell Temple, Area Presiding Elder.  
Please mark your calendar to attend.

Worship Attendance for Christmas Eve: 153.  
Giving Totals for Last Week

General Offering	\$	7,710.48
Building Fund	\$	700.00
Memorial~Designated	\$	620.00

### Remember those who serve in our Military

Eric Michael (Air Force)	Benjamin Standing (National Guard)
PFC Joseph Pawley (Army)	All Others, known by God



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, January 1	Church Office Closed	
Wednesday, January 3	Women's Emmaus	8:00am—9:00am
Thursday, January 4	Men's Emmaus	6:30am—7:30am
	Turquoise Table Ladies	11:00am—2:00pm
Sunday, January 7	Trustees Meeting	After Worship

**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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