



Franklin Methodist Church

December 15, 2024

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)**

Praise Songs

*"Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy"
"Your Name (Christmas Version)"*

Children's Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Announcements and Church Family Celebrations

Prayer and Scripture

Julie Jarrell

Luke 1:39-47

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Offertory Music

"How Great Our Joy"

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 The Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed (See back)

Invitational

Invitational Hymn

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"
(Page 238 in hymnal~~Verses 1, 2 & 3)*

**Please join us after worship as we
celebrate the baptisms of
Waylon Anthony Worley and
Jett Wayne Worley.**

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)

Worship Attendance for last Sunday: 92

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 8 (as of Thursday 12/12) 16

Giving Totals for Last Week

General Offering	\$	13,344.00
Building Fund	\$	0.00
Memorial~Designated	\$	425.00

Mission of the Month



Christmas Angels

Gifts are due back by this Sunday, December 15.
Any questions please contact Beth Vickers at 979-255-1406.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY	Baptisms after Worship	After Worship
Tuesday, December 17	NO Bible Study Preschool Christmas Program ASK Tutoring Sessions	10:15am 3:15-5:00pm
Wednesday, December 18	Women's Emmaus Choir Practice Youth Group BLAST	8:00am—9:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm
Thursday, December 19	Men's Emmaus	6:30am—7:30am

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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