



Franklin Methodist Church

December 14, 2025

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

***“Here I Am to Worship/Away in a Manger”
“King of My Heart”***

Children’s Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Prayer and Scripture

Mila Peterson

Matthew 2:4-6

When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Offertory Music

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

(Page 237 in Hymnal—Verses 1, 2 & 3)

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

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(Page 230 in Hymnal~~Verses 1, 3 & 4)***

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; he descended into hell; on 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: 75

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 12/11)

Giving Totals for Last Week

General Offering	\$	7,827.00
Building Fund	\$	70.00
Memorial~Designated	\$	300.00

Missions of the Month Christmas Angels.

All the Angel tags have been taken—THANK YOU!! Please return all gifts on or before THIS SUNDAY, December 14.



Christmas Cheer Baskets

To bring Holiday Cheer to those that might be homebound during this season we will again be making Christmas Cheer Baskets! We are planning on 10 baskets. Assembly of the baskets will be after Worship, next Sunday, December 21. If you have someone you would like to add to our list, please call the church office.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY	Finance Committee Meeting Christmas Angels gift return deadline	After Worship
Tuesday, December 16	NO Bible Study Preschool Christmas Program	10:30am
Wednesday, December 17	Women's Emmaus SonShine Strummers Performance at Arbor Oaks at Crestview Youth Group BLAST	8:00am—9:00am 4:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday, December 21	Assembly of Cheer Baskets	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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