



# Franklin Methodist Church

December 21, 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*

We thank You, Gracious God, for the love You have given through Your son, Jesus Christ. This morning, as we prepare our hearts, as we anticipate his coming, shine Your light on us. Prepare us to share Your light and love with those in this world that have not seen past the pain and darkness.

There are three candles that have been lit: one for hope, one for peace and one for joy. Today we light the last blue candle for love!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”  
John 3: 16-17.

What amazing love!

### *Join in Singing*

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

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

## Announcements and Church Family Celebrations

### **Children’s Sermon**

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

## Praise Songs

*“The Joy”  
“What a Beautiful Name/  
O Come Let Us Adore Him”*

## Prayer and Scripture

**Karlie Morgan  
Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as He promised our ancestors.”

## Offertory Music

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”  
(Page 242 in Hymnal~All Verses)*

## 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

*“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”  
(Page 215 in Hymnal~Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6)*

*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 and 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.

#### **Worship Attendance for last Sunday: 72**

**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 14 (as of Thursday 12/18) 15**

#### **Giving Totals for Last Week**

<b>General Offering</b>	\$	<b>7,148.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>Memorial~Designated</b>	\$	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Cookie Walk</b>	\$	<b>6,420.00</b>

**Christmas Eve  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.**

Please join us at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, as we welcome the birth of the Christ child with a special worship service. Come celebrate with Christmas music, hearing the Christmas story, receiving communion and then we will leave bathed in the Light of Christ.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday, December 25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	
Friday, December 26 through Monday, January 5, 2026	The Church Office will be on Limited Hours	

**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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