



December 4, 2022 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Kyrie from Missa in F | Gottlieb Muffat

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Tim Bartlett

ONE: Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

ALL: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

ONE: Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

ALL: Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

OPENING HYMN 209 verses 1-2 †

Blessed Be the God of Israel | United Methodist Hymnal 209

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN 209 verse 3 †

Blessed Be the God of Israel | United Methodist Hymnal 209

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Flower Girls

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

HYMN 216 †

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming | United Methodist Hymnal 216

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lanny Hickey

Isaiah 11: 1-10 | Pew Bible, Old Testament Page 609

ONE: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Be near me. Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for Heaven to live with thee there.

SERMON

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Keep Your Lamps | Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir

Emilee Baker, percussion

DOXOLOGY † | United Methodist Hymnal 221

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet, what can I give him: give my heart.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sung response:

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those, who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING OF THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Christmas Sanctus | Lee Dengler

Shannon Rookey

Tim Bartlett

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN 213 †

Lift Up Your Heads, Mighty Gates | United Methodist Hymnal 213

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Beautiful Savior | F.M. Christiansen

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Et in Terra from Missa in F | Gottlieb Muffat

James Stanley

Toasty Toes & Brief Blessings

Help us keep our unhoused neighbors warm this winter by providing hats, gloves, socks, and underwear. Bring your donations of new items to worship each Sunday or to the front office Monday-Friday. Donations will be given to Our House, Jericho Way, The Van, Women and Children's First, Compassion Center, and Canvas Community.

November 27 - Men's Socks and Underwear

December 4 - Women's Socks and Underwear

December 11 - Children's Socks and Underwear

December 18 - Gloves and Hats for All



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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. David C. Freeman, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Rev. Donna Hankins, Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Music & Worship Arts: James Stanley, Shannon Rookey, Chancel Choir, Tim Bartlett

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Flower Girls - each week this team refashions the flowers used in worship into several arrangements and deliver them to those who need special care and love.

Liturgist: Lanny Hickey

Serving Communion: Lanny Hickey, Charles Miller, Kelli Miller, Jeanne Roddy, Joe Roddy, Thomas Lay

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone

Altar Guild: Georgann Ozment & Cindy Shenep

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in honor of the entire FUMCLR staff for keeping the church functioning during the pandemic, given by Jessica & Doug Szenher.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Buddy Whiteaker, Bobby Williams, Marcia Adams, Ann & Jason West, Lynda Langford, Betsy Hoffman, Irma Jewell, Pat Blackstone, Lee Johnson, Ceile Faulkner, the people of Ukraine, victims of gun violence, our leaders, our church.

Sympathies:

To Adam, Jennie, and Hayden Kirby following the death of Adam's mother, Debbie Kirby, on November 22.

To Mike and Mary Jane Cole, following the death of Mike's mother, Mary Frances Cole-Ask, on November 25.

To Amy Freer, following the death of her mother, Marcia Adams, on December 1.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 2022

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 9:30 am Advent Fair
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm First YOUth
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, December 5, 2022

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 5:00 pm SPRC Meeting (Hybrid)
- 6:30 pm Holidays to Holy Days (virtual)
- 6:30 pm Taiko Drumming (gym)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study (Hybrid/Rm. 204 & Zoom)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Cafe

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

- 9:30 am CDC Chapel
- 1:00 pm Community Cafe
- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8, 2022

- 10:00 am PALS Journey Group
- 12:00 pm Caregiver's Group
- 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

Sanctuary Flowers - Reserve yours today!

What better way to honor friends and family members than to donate the Sanctuary Flowers in their name on a Sunday in the next year? The 2023 calendar is open. Our flowers are re-arranged each Monday by the Flower Girls who take them to members in hospitals and homes -a true example of adaptive re-use and sustainability! Your gift of \$75 will cover the cost of the two large arrangements in Sunday services. You may reserve your date by phoning 372-2256 or emailing Lanie Konecny (officemanager@fumclr.org).

Interested in a well worn hymnal?

Earlier this year we retired many of our hymnals that we have used in worship for the last several decades. These hymnals are available for you to view in room 209. If there is a hymnal of particular significance to you, feel free to take it home. They will be available until December 19.



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Little Rock

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK. We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. CD's and DVD's of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at landrews@fumclr.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS. We understand worshiping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, if you desire a nursery, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.

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