



**December 8th, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | 2nd Sunday
of Advent**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet

Angels We Have Heard On High

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Gloria Canon

Chancel Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238 †

Angels We Have Heard On High | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY † (traditional *Gloria*)

Rev. Natasha Murray

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 238 †

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The children of FUMCLR

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rhett Stark Ligon, son of Robert Stark Ligon III and Margaret Goodloe

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rhett, Rhett, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

oqna k l sm m"n d"s qc"v n qb

CHORAL OFFERING

Chancel Choir

Gloria | K. Lee Scott

I. Gloria in excelsis Deo— Glory to God in the highest

II. Qui tollis peccata mundi— Who takes away the sins of the world

III. Quoniam tu solus sanctus—You alone are holy

GOSPEL READING †

Sam Smith

Luke 1: 67-79 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 54

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

Supporting Characters

.....Rev. David C. Freeman

qcr on mr c"s n"s qc"v n qb

OFFERTORY

Chamber Choir

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST | GIOVANNIE PIERGOLESÌ

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS 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 I can I give him: give my heart.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

HYMN COMMITMENT 220 †

Angels from the Realms of Glory | United Methodist Hymnal

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL BENEDICTION †

Beautiful Savior | F. M. Christiansen

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on Regent Square | James Stanley



Christmas Cafe
&
MISSION MARKET

a music and mission holiday experience

An evening of Christmas cheer to raise money
for our FUMCLR mission ministries and
experience performances from our very own
FUMCLR members.

Thursday, December 12

5:00pm-7:00pm

Enjoy soup supper while you shop for last
minute gifts that support our missions.
Enjoy coffee, cider, and cookies while being
entertained with Christmas performances.

Contact Rev. Haley for more information
including a ride on the Church van if you
want to carpool with friends. .

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)

10:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Poverty abolitionist interest meeting

(First cup café)

11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

(Fellowship Hall)

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, December 9, 2024

9:00 am Flower Girls

1:00 pm Community Café

3:30 pm Washington Basketball

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:30 am Worship Planning

1:00 pm Community Café

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

9:30 am CDC Chapel

12:00 pm CDC Board Meeting

1:00 pm Community Café

3:30 pm Washington Elem. Basketball

5:30 pm Center St Ringers

Thursday, December 12, 2024

12:00 pm Caregivers Group

5:00 pm Christmas Café

Friday, December 13, 2024

5:30 pm Kids Christmas Rehearsal / Parents Dinner