

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith We Sing* (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able. The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDER O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Molly Ijames
(b. 1978)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

People: Into Christ's world of light.

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

People: Into God's strength and hope.

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

All: **Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ in our worship today.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanza 1 – All VENI EMMANUEL

Stanza 4 – Children's Choir

Stanza 6 – All

Stanza 7 – All

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH David and Nancy Hamby

We are a people who seek peace.

We know that God has told us to turn our weapons of war into instruments that benefit all humanity.

In the name of that Child who was born long ago to become the Prince of Peace, we now light the Candle of Peace.

ANTHEM Emmanuel Will Come Becki Slagle Mayo

Children's Choir (b. 1956)
Jack Wolverton, percussion

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!

We wait, we hope, we long for the King.

Open the gates to the city, prepare a way for the Lord.

Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come!

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!

We wait, we hope, we long for the King.

Lift up your heart, for the Light will come. Lift up your heart to the Lord.

Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come.

Waiting, hoping, longing for the King.
Waiting, hoping, longing for the King.
Make a path in the wilderness, make a way for the Lord.
Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come.

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah.
We wait, we hope, we long for the King.
We long for the King.
We long for the King.

-Becki Slagle Mayo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Speak to us once more your Word of truth, that our lives may be filled with your joy, this day, and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 11:1-10
***John 1:1-5**

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SERMON "Getting Real with the God Who Got Real"

Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir arr. David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save. (Refrain)

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb. (Refrain)

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode. (Refrain)

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law. (Refrain)

-18th century, tr. Thomas Alexander Lacey (1853-1931)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* DOXOLOGY

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

UMH No. 94

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Patient God, Lord of the years and days and seconds, you have promised to come back and bring about the fullness of creation, and so your whole creation waits. The disciples waited on a boat for that day. The early church waited in their houses. The Christians throughout history have waited in their denominations. We have been waiting in our lives of busy-ness and doing, and all along we have forgotten, O Lord of patience, that you are waiting on us, too. You are waiting on us to hear your word, to accept your call of grace, and to love all people. You are waiting on us to move into the world and bring the gospel news to all the corners of the earth—by deeds more than words. You are waiting on us, Lord. Remind us that you have not empowered us to wait for you to right the world, but you have empowered us to right the world as we wait for you. In the name of Jesus, who grew tired of waiting and so acted, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

UMH No. 24

(Musical Setting E)

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC Meditation on 'Conditor Alme'

Alec Rowley
(1892-1958)

Rorate Coeli Jeanne Demessieux
(1921-1968)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on Veni, Emmanuel

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader:

Nancy Bell

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Fred and Vicki Glassford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Dunn and in memory of Mary Dunn and David Dunn by Bill Dunn.

YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in December are Mary Ellen Cross, Marie Crissman, Helen Ellington, Beth Kelley, and Margaret Pardue.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team member Lynn Collins, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

UPDATED FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. Here are our current needs: boxed cornbread mix, boxed mashed potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, pasta and peanut butter in plastic jars. Please deposit donations in the Welcome Center.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Today is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

All ladies of Front Street United Methodist are invited to the chapel at 10:30 a.m. **tomorrow** for a short summary of UWIF 2022. We will move to Aldersgate Hall for a festive covered dish luncheon and fellowship. Honor Cards for ACAC will be available to purchase.

CHRIST OFFERING

On **Sunday, December 11**, as has been our tradition, we will receive this year's Christ offering. This offering assures that we not only meet our obligations for the year, but that we testify to the light which is Jesus Christ our Lord. If you will not attend church in person that Sunday, please mail your gift to the church or send it by any electronic means you prefer. Just indicate "Christ Offering".

TREES OF LOVE

This season, share Christ with our neighbors by adorning our Trees of Love:

Tree of Grace: Pastor's Discretionary Community Relief Fund

Tree of Hope: Our Sister's House

Tree of Life: Congregations For Children (C4C)

Please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **Sunday, December 18**. Note: if you are donating money or gift cards, please return to the church office.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
11/6	52	183	235
11/13	54	162	216
11/20	45	153	198
11/28	37	143	180

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday, December 4

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	UMYF - Christmas Shopping and Wrapping	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Missions Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Monday, December 5

10:00	United Women in Faith	Heritage Center
7:00	Stewardship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Tuesday, December 6

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, December 7

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, December 8

12:00	Social Justice Conversations	Room 401
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Friday, December 9

6:00	Genesis/Rachel Vogler SS Christmas Party	Heritage Center
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Sunday, December 11

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
10:45	Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF - Movie Night	Aldersgate Hall

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up outside the church office. PLEASE pick yours up by **December 31**. This will help in reducing our mailing costs. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2023

The **2023** flower calendar is available in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

LIVE-STREAMING

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the sanctuary a non-video zone. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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