

WELCOME TO WORSHIP		
Fourth Sunday of Advent		
December 20, 2015		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dan Kilgore	
PRELUDE	Four Variations on “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” Denis Bédard	
CHIMING OF THE HOUR	The sounding of the three chimes symbolizes the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 238	Angels We Have Heard on High	GLORIA
All Stanzas Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.		
Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!		
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain		
Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain		
See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Refrain		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Nicene Creed	Rev. Jimmy Mixson
We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.		
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary And became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory To judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.		
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son Is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.		

We acknowledge one baptism For the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.		
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	Rev. Jimmy Mixson Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and peace. (11:00) Children K-3rd grade are encouraged to go with the adult leader to worship in WOW.	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE	Rev. Dan Kilgore (9:00) Will & Anna Hawkins and children, Gracie and Carolyne (11:00) William & Tracie Manderson and children, Jackson and Annalee	
ANTHEM	“Mary, Mary What You Gonna’ Call That Baby?” Avery and Marsh/Carol Jennings Mary, Mary, what you gonna’ name that baby? What you gonna' call that Holy baby? Slaves are we and looking for a master. Why don't you call him Lord? Let's all call Him Lord! Mary, Mary, what you gonna' name that baby? What you gonna’ call that holy baby? We like our sheep need someone to guide us. Why don't you call him Shepherd? Let's all call Him Shepherd! Mary, Mary, what you gonna' name that baby? What you gonna’ call that Holy baby? Hungry and poor, we need someone to save us. Why don't you call Him Savior? Let's all call Him Savior! Mary, Mary, what you gonna' name that baby? Kings of the world, we seek someone to rule us. Why don't you call Him King? Let's all call Him King!	
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Jimmy Mixson The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.	
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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.	
PRAYER RESPONSE		
*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 218	It Came Upon The Midnight Clear	CAROL
Stanzas 1, 3 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.		
And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!		
*OFFERTORY PRAYER	Jeremy Reid	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD	Please give the Friendship Pad slips to the usher as the offering is received.	

OFFERTORY	The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child	Dan Forrest
The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood, from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of steel they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail. When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame, and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name, the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light. "This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word. The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, but charged with faith may we be bold to follow in his way. (Thomas Troeger)		
*DOXOLOGY	VENI EMMANUEL Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:39-56 Pew Bible, NT, p. 57	Jeremy Reid
SERMON	“Song of Mary”	Dr. Ken Dunivant
*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 245	The First Noel	THE FIRST NOEL
(All) The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.		
Refrain Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.		
(Women) They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain		
(Men) And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain		
(Choir) This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain		
(All) Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Refrain		

*BENEDICTION Dr. Ken Dunivant

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Joy to the World Don Hustad

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Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and are in memory of
Judy Johnson, loving mother and wife given by
Katie Johnson Crawford and Larry Johnson

HOSTS/USHERS

9:00 AM: Eleanor Boykin, Dick Zeanah, Dale Erdman
Doug Harless, Ann Curry, Tony Allison
11:00 AM: Glen Cowan, Frances Justice, Jody Jobson,
Nini Jobson, Bill Jessup, Glenn Powell.

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

December 13 Attendance: Traditions: 618; Bridge: 381; Adult SS: 295; K-5
SS: 51; N/P SS: 42; Youth SS: 60
December 13 Giving: Budget: \$55,401.38; Building: \$20,869.91; Organ:
\$2,917.00; Designated: \$2,229.13

- Deaths:
- Sympathy to Alan (Barbara) Davis on the death of his sister, Mary Nan Carroll of Orlando, Florida.
 - Sympathy to John (Virginia) Wimberley in the death of his brother-in-law, Finis Marvin Bennett, Jr. of Percy, Arkansas.
 - Sympathy to Angela (Lenny) Fulmer in the death of her father, Thomas Lloyd Humber of Fayette.
 - In Thanksgiving for her life, Eloise Boozer Stockman, December 12, 2105. Sympathy to her daughters, Dana (Paul) Caan of Greenwich, Connecticut; and Jann (Tony) Massey, of Winter Park, Florida.

In the Hospital: DCH: Steve Smith; Northport Rehab: Joe Bratton Bruce Caples; Forest Manor Rehab: Martha Sue Brown (pastoral visits only)

Welcome New Members: Dr. Will and Mrs. Nancy Vandervoort and daughter, Virginia Martin Vandervoort; and Jimmy and Ashlee Gillespie and daughters, Emma and Molly.

2015 Contribution Deadline: Please submit all 2015 contributions to the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31. Stock Gifts. Transferring stock is a great way to give to the church. For those members who use stock to fulfill pledge obligations or for other purposes, please contact Charles Tuten at the church office (205.345.7261 ext 103) with the necessary information as soon as you have notified your broker of the transfer. Stock transfers take several days to process, so make sure to leave enough time for your gift to reach the church by the contribution deadline.

Leave a legacy this Christmas

As we consider God’s gift of enduring love to us, we must consider what our enduring legacy will be to future generations. You can name the church as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or make the church the beneficiary of an IRA. You can be sure that the church will use it to touch lives through our ministries, blessed by God.

Wesley Circle will have a luncheon at 11:30 AM on Monday, Dec. 21 at the home of Sally Erdman, 5509 Inverness Place, Northport, (205) 333-8397.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS, DECEMBER 13, 2015

The Bridge
In Honor of Kobie Baker and family given by Melissa LaCorte

Building Fund
In Memory of Jim Page, Jr. given by Donna and Mac McAllister

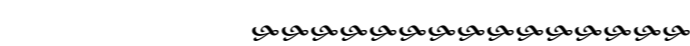
Cooking for Christ
In Honor of Hiram Johnson given by John Dishuck

Matthew 25 Fund
In Memory of Lewis S. Dean given by Sharon Deck

Memorials/Honorariums
In Memory of Norma Newton given by Leo, Michelle, Lauren and Mark L’Etang
In Memory of Bill Barton given by Steve and Lucy Sikes
In Memory of Mary Elsie Pow given by Dot Rice
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Dahlene, Sr.
given by Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Dahlene, Jr.
In Memory of Norma Newton, Carolyn Dominick, Chris Kyle, Sr.
and Bill Barton given by Barbara Tarwater
In Memory of Norma Newton, Bill Barton, Joan Davidson,
Charlotte Shamblin, Sam Jackson and Katherine Crafton
given by Jeanne Marcus Boyd

Organ Fund
In Honor of Susan Goode given by Ken Dunivant
In Memory of Mary Elsie Pow given by George and Gladys Miljus
In Honor of Jimmie M. Smith and In Memory of Ann, Melanie
and Earle Smith given by Jackie Tucker
In Memory of Mary Dee Krupp, Carol K. Goodwin, Wesley Goodwin, Joyce Shipp, Jack Shipp, Ed Graves, Chris Kyle, Sr., Bake Kyle, Dr. Rufus Moore,
Vivian Moore and Fannie Mae Lee given by Ralph Krupp

Valet Parking
In Honor of the Valet Parking Team given by Vaudie H. Hallman

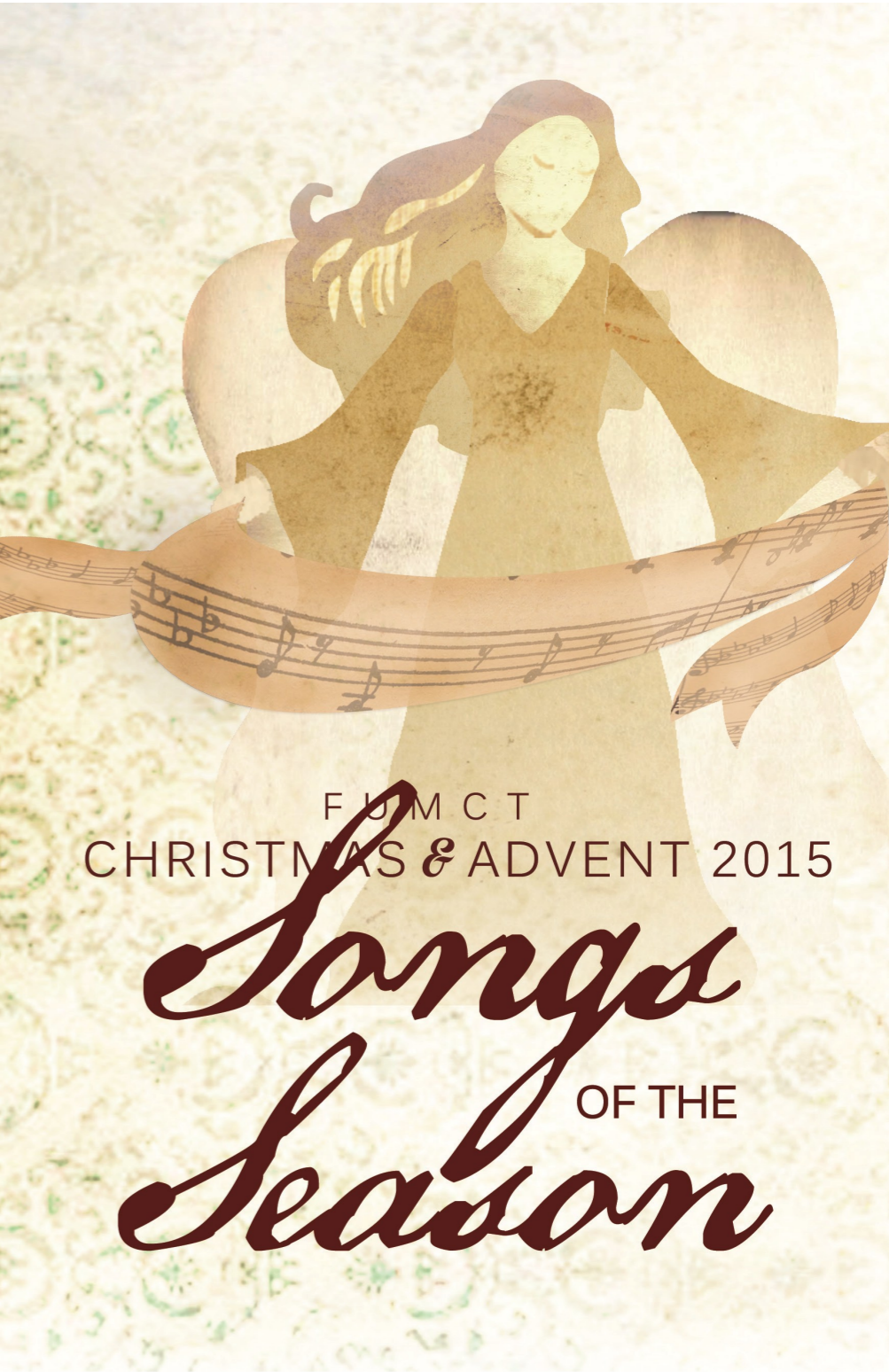


The Longest Night Service
Monday, December 21 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
The holidays can be a difficult time. Join us for this special service as we recognize that God's presence is here for those who mourn, grieve or struggle with the loss of a relationship. God's word comes to shine light into our darkness offering hope and healing to all.
Nursery is provided for this service.

Thursday, December 24
12:00*, 4:00*, 6:00* & 8:00 *** PM
Traditions Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Communion in the Sanctuary
4:00* & 5:30* PM
The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Communion in Chitwood Hall

- * Nursery provided for this service
- ** Nursery provided for 2 years and under only.
- *** No nursery for this service

Sunday, December 27
Regular Schedule for Traditions and The Bridge



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