

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:14 Reed McGowan

Flash Light: "Shine Your Light"
Jemma Daisey Davis

Song: "Rise and Shine" LIJKids

Memory Verse: John 8:12 Miller Jane McGowan

Light House: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Eli Snearly

Closing Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine" TFWS 2173
Refrain only - 3 times
(please join us for this hymn--please remain seated)

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

by Daniel Burton

The Postlude "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

by Daniel E. Gawthrop

LIJ Kids

LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News

Mission Wednesday --- December 6, 3:30

Sign up for dinner by Monday, December 4th

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

**Save us, Lord, so that we too may be a blessing.
Wash away our guilt, so that we may forgive.
Heal us, so that we may alleviate pain. Fill us
with hope and courage, so that we may offer a
despairing world the light of your justice and
love. Amen.**



Month of December Sunday Worship will be held at 10:00

Dec. 6: 5:00 Mission Dinner, UMCOR Buckets

Dec. 7: 11:00 Joy Circle

Dec. 10: 10:00 Worship

Dec. 17: 9:00 Christmas Pot Luck Breakfast

Dec. 17: 10:00 Cantata

Dec. 20: 4:00 Church Wide Mission - Caroling

Dec. 24: 10:00 Worship

Dec. 24: 5:00 Worship

Dec. 25 thru Jan.2: Church Office Closed for Staff Holiday

Dec. 31: 10:00 Worship

Single/Mingles

Dec 3: Community Chorus
4:00 - 6:00 EES \$10.00

Dec. 10: Atlanta Pops
7:00-9:00 \$40.00

Dec. 17: Paint Rocks, Birthdays
EFUMC 2:00 - 4:00



Dec. 3: Michael Tucker

Dec. 5: Harry Doss

Dec. 6: Hank Chapman

Dec. 7: Steve Calhoun

Dec. 9: Cindy Hedland

Dec. 9: Joe Pflueger



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Dr. John Brantley

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Purple

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

* **Prelude** "Wexford Carol"
arr. by Lloyd Larson

* **Call To Worship**
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

† Advent Lighting

Leader: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

Isiah 64:1-3

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come" Mark 13:35

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope.
May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

† The Affirmation of Faith The 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; 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.

† The 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.

Prayers of the People

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 Hymn of Preparation
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH 196

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music
“Bring a Torch”
arr. by Lani Smith

† The Presentation and 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 Anthem “Come, Emmanuel, Come”
by Joel Raney

Pass It On!
LIJ Kids & Congregation
Opening Hymn: “Pass it On” UMH 572
Vs. 1 & 3
Duet: Miller Jane McGowen & Karli Markley
(Congregation please join us for vs: 3 -- remain seated)

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:8 Karli Markley
Candle: Abigail Henson
Song: “This Little Light of Mine” LIJKids
Memory Quote: “Good Friends are Like Stars...
You don’t always see them but you know they are there”
Kylie Markley

Star: “Jesus is My Good Friend” Liam Bramlett
Memory Verse: Psalm 113:3 Elizabeth Pugh
Sun: “Praise the Lord!” Brady Pugh

Memory Quote: “Beauty is not in the face;
beauty is a light in the heart.” Mary Grace Clark

Lamp : Mary Grace Clark

Song: “ Give Me Oil in My Lamp” LIJKids
(congregation feel free to join in and sing with us)
(please remain seated)

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning to the break of day

Chorus:
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing
hosanna, to the King

Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising ‘til the break of day.

Chorus:
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing
hosanna, to the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving ‘til the break of day.

Chorus:
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing
hosanna, to the King