

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, December 12, 2021



*"...seeking to be a community
where all can experience
meaningful relationship with God,
grow in Christ, and
reach out in love to others;
a community where
all can love and be loved
and be accepted
as you are"*

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our gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

A path to our God,

Winding through the ordinary,

Weaving through the busyness,

Overcoming roadblocks and detours.

A way to go home,

Leaving the past in the past,

Moving from darkness and exile,

Coming into the light.

Advent is a path to our God,

A way to come home,

A discovery of God's voice:

Rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

No. 160, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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**Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. [Refrain]**

**Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]**

At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. [Refrain]

reflect

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20 & Luke 3:7-18

Common English Bible

Wreath Lighting

“Light One Candle”

vs. 1-3

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Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to every heart,
He comes, He comes.

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to every heart,
He comes, He comes.

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
Ev’ry nation shall find salvation
in Beth’lem’s baby boy.

Reflection

“Joy of Home”

Pastor Jacob

“Tell Out, My Soul”

No. 200, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!**

respond

Concerns & Prayers

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.**

Offering

Doxology

Tune: 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.

Prayer

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

No. 2089, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sin you prized, yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God's store."

With such preaching stark and bold John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John - to behold the Lamb of God.

go

Sending

Postlude

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

To view the church calendar, go to franklinumc.org/calendar.

Midweek Discussion w/ Pastor Jacob

Join Pastor Jacob on **Wednesday at 7pm** as we discuss upcoming readings and themes for Sunday worship. This group meets in-person in the vestry *and* virtually.

Virtual participants can join the gathering by going to <https://meet.google.com/txp-ndfa-ivu>) or by calling 1-440-467-1448, the PIN is 220 679 745#.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **December 13 at 7pm**. We will be reading *Mermaid Tears* written by our own Susan Read.

Longest Night Service

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church on the longest night of the year, **Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm**, as we acknowledge the darkness of our grief, pain, disappointment, and fear and find hope in the light that the darkness cannot overcome--Jesus the Christ.

This service will occur in-person in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

Family (Pop-up) Christmas Pageant

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church for a Family (Pop-up) Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, **December 24, at 5pm**. We will sing Christmas Carols while our esteemed pageant directors pick the cast from those in attendance in order to set the nativity scene. Everyone will have a part to play. Everyone can be a star!

This service will occur in-person in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, **December 24, at 11pm**. This service will include scripture, song, and communion. It will occur in-person in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

Thank you for joining us for worship!

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**All of us are ministers
called to share God's love and grace
with our community and world!**