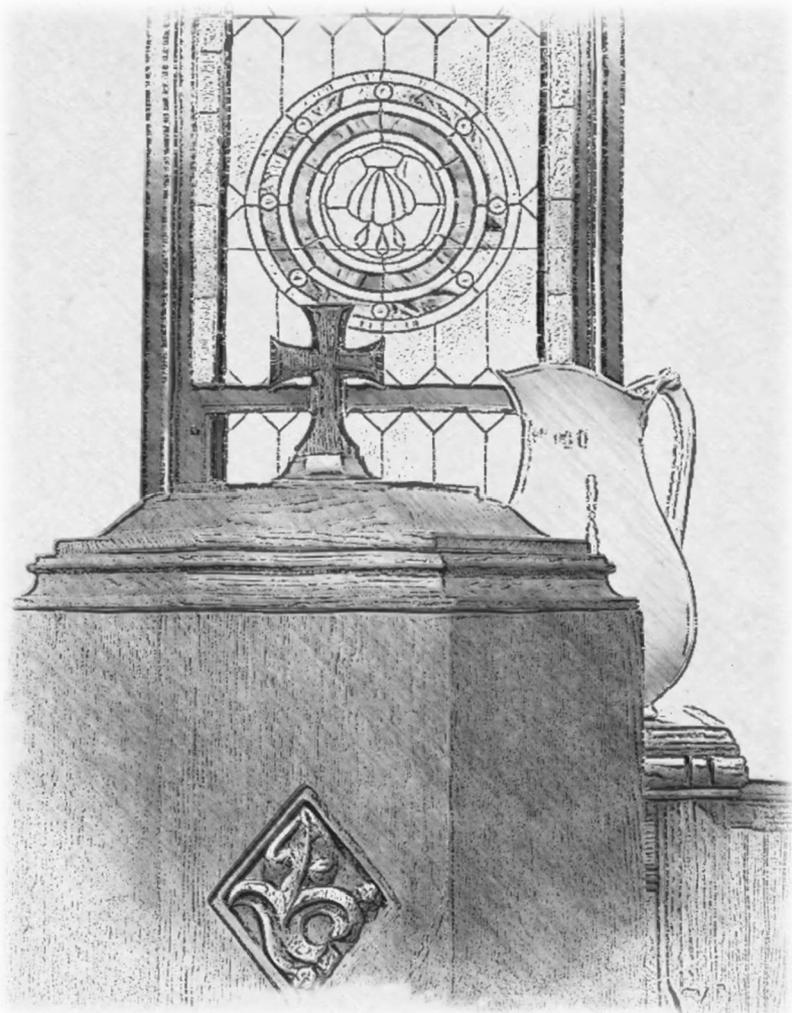


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## A Call to Faithfulness in the Social Community

Sunday February 2, 2025

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, in-person via Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **franklinumc.org/pray**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **franklinumc.org/give**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **franklinumc.org/volunteer**. You can also sign up to volunteer by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins. All persons who sign up to volunteer will receive an email confirmation of your volunteer registration.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Lean in and I will tell you a mystery. God has come to us as one of us. God knows our burdens, our sorrows, and our struggles.

**God has come to be with us.**

God emptied Godself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.

**God has come as one of us.**

His name is Jesus, the Christ, Emanuel (“God with us”), Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Mighty Lord.

**He has shown us how to live holy and humble lives in service to others.**

Through Christ, God has offered us life and salvation.

**We gather, to praise the name of Jesus and commit to following the Way of Christ.**

## SONG

### “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”

No. 154, *UMH* (1989)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SILENT PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We pray for those suffering the effects of recent natural disasters.... *(silent prayer)*

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,  
**hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.**

We pray for the regions of our world caught up in violence and threats of violence: *(silent prayer)*

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,  
**hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.**

We pray for those who live with serious illness, those with chronic pain, those without access to proper medical care, those for whom treatment is no longer an option.

*(silent prayer)*

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,  
**hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *UMH* (1989)

**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.**

#### EPISTLE READING

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8**

#### REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

**SONG**

**“HAVE THE MIND THAT WAS IN JESUS”**

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

TUNE: BEACH SPRING (UMH 581, “Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service”)

Have the mind that was in Jesus; Let his way be found in you.  
For he gave up what was precious - Heaven's blessings - glory, too.  
He was one with God in heaven Yet put heaven's joy aside.  
May we, too, give up ambition, Letting Jesus be our guide.

Christ let go of heaven's riches And became just as a slave.  
He was found in human likeness In this world he came to save.  
Humbly serving, gladly giving, He took up his cross and died.  
May we learn God's way of living Found in Jesus, crucified.

Christ our Lord knelt down to save us; Then God raised him high above  
So that at the name of Jesus All should know his wondrous love.  
One day all will bow before him. "He is Lord!" We'll all proclaim.  
Till that time, may we all serve him - Serving others in his name.

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**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.**

**PRAYER**

**SONG**

**“MAKE US, O GOD A CHURCH THAT SHARES”**

No. 524, *The Moravian Book of Worship* (1995)

Words by H. Victor Kane  
TUNE: FOREST GREEN (UMH 152,  
“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”)

Make us, O God, a church  
that shares your love for humankind;  
that lives the truth your word declares,  
and heeds the Master's mind.  
Help us reach out with loving hands,  
in times that try the soul,  
with sympathy that understands  
and makes the needy whole.

Make us, O God, a church that cares  
for every human need;  
that suffers when one life despairs,  
and moves to intercede.  
Give to our voice prophetic pow'r  
that stirs each wav'ring heart  
to meet the challenge of this hour  
and take a noble part.

Make us, O God, a church that dares  
courageously to act;  
that clothes with flesh its fervent prayers  
and makes the gospel fact.  
Now thrust us from the cloistered halls  
where we may want to hide  
and send us forth where duty calls  
to serve the Crucified!

## **SENDING**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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We hope that you found, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee  
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY COLLECTION

This month we are collecting toothpaste and/or any other personal hygiene items.

## FRANKLIN SENIOR RIDE ASSISTANCE

**Attention Franklin Seniors: Need a Ride?**

- Medical Appointments
- Available to Franklin Residents
- Local Errands (Walmart, Market Basket, etc.)
- Must be scheduled 48 hours in advance
- Events at The Senior Center & More

For more information, call Emily at 508-520-4945

## COMMUNITY CONCERT

The Padula Trio || Saturday, February 8

Join us for a FREE Community Concert @FranklinUMC featuring The Padula Trio on Saturday, February 8, at 7pm.

## BOOK CLUB

February we'll read *The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard. The next meeting will be on **February 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda's house or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering where people talk and enjoy fellowship over a meal at area restaurants. The next gathering will be at **The Chateau, Franklin, on February 19 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email [NancyBoates49@hotmail.com](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com) by 10 am if you plan to attend.

## COMMUNITY CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Please note: volunteers must be able to navigate stairs as the Community Closet is in the old balcony of the church.* You can sign up to volunteer at [franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://franklinumc.org/volunteer) or your Offering sheet.

**The first and third Tuesdays are OPEN SHOPPING DAYS.**

**The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.**

If you would like to sign up a group to volunteer, outside the listed times, please contact Pastor Jacob at [jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org).