



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020, 10:00AM

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lights from four sources grace our worship center.

The first light comes from the candle, which was placed here three weeks ago, but was not lighted.. The second source, placed here two weeks ago, is a flashlight, with its small, bur directed beam of light to show us the way to Hope. The third source, a lantern, was placed in our center last week to remind us of the Light of God that beckons to us. The warmth and comfort of God's welcome to us is represented by our fourth source of light, a table lamp. We have also placed floor lamps around the sanctuary as a reminder of the comfort and peace of God's eternal Presence.

Person 1: Three weeks ago, on the first Sunday of Advent, we placed this candle on our worship center, but it remained unlit so that we would take the time to actually think about the darkness and hope for the light.

Person 2: **We light this candle, remembering that in the midst of darkness, God created the world and all that is in it. In the midst of our darkness, God has again brought light**

[Person 2 lights the Advent Candle].

Person 1: Two weeks ago, we placed a flashlight in our worship center as the second light of Advent. This common object becomes uncommon as it reveals God's love and direction for our lives.

Person 3: **We turn this flashlight on, with its small beam. The darkness is great, but God's powerful light will show us the way, our path is illuminated by God's gracious love. This light represents direction and hope.**

[Person 3 turns the flashlight on. Note: make sure that the light is either shining on the floor or down an aisle]

Person 1: Last week, we placed a lantern in our worship center. We remembered the significance of the lantern lit on a porch to welcome the weary traveler.

In Our Prayers..

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

**The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Janice Kassel

Mae Stevens

**Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

**Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

**All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154. Thank You!*

December/January Liturgists

12/20 Jodi Ward

12/27 Danielle Ditch

1/3 Amber Embrock

1/10 TBA

1/17 Lex Kassel

1/24 TBA

1/31 Kyle Kogel

Person 5: We light this lamp as a reminder that God is always with us to comfort, to heal, to strengthen and guide us. God's love draws us home and warms our hearts and spirits.

[Person 5 lights the table lamp in the worship center]

Person 1: Let us pray: Lord of Comforting Light, be with us today as we draw closer to the wondrous event of the Birth of your son. Help us to remember that your light has guided our journey bringing us to this place. Remind us that Mary so willingly said "yes" to you when you asked her to be the one to bear the Christ Child. May we be as eager to serve you as Mary was. AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise, and generation to generation, we are your people.

P: **You have been with us wherever we have gone. You will be with us wherever we may go.**

L: You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey, then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

P: **Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us.**

L: Our souls magnify the Holy One.

P: **Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

***OPENING HYMN**

220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

***OPENING PRAYER**

Beloved, Holy Lover,
we welcome you to our house,
the sacred space we have built
to gather together as your people.

Here we come to offer you
our thanksgiving and praise
in response to the abundance
of your creation.

Here we come to share with you
our prayers of confession and petition,
for they lie heavy on our hearts.

Even knowing that you are here
and everywhere,

we come longing to hear you say,
"I am with you always." Amen.

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** John 1:1-5, Matthew 5:14-16

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

Incarnation 4: The Light of the World

***CLOSING HYMN**

240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

246 Joy to the World (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

Birthdays...

20 Howard Morey
Barb Goodlaxson
21 Jordan Anderson
22 Mason Shirk
23 Ardelle Connor
Clayton Hoch
25 Carol Ensley
26 Lois Lowman

Anniversaries...

No Anniversaries this week.

Est. Attendance ...

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| 12/6/2020 | Facebook | 0 |
| | (Technical Difficulties) | |
| | YouTube | 22 |
| | Zoom | 05 |
| 12/6/2020 | Facebook | 63 |
| | You Tube | 17 |
| | Zoom | 07 |

Empowering EFUMC

Ministry

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| 12/6/2020 | General Fund | \$ 1,515.00 |
| | Total | \$ 1,515.00 |
| 12/113/2020 | General Fund | \$10,904.91 |
| | Building Fund | \$ 605.00 |
| | Total | \$11,509.91 |

All Worship Services are currently online

Three ways to Livestream the Worship Service:

Search for Emmetsburg First UMC on YouTube

www.facebook.com/EmmetsburgFUMC/

zoom.us/j/7128522154

***Contact the church for the password**

#220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;

with th' angelic host proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the new born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

#246 “Joy to the World” (Vs. 1)

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.