



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

December 14, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Chorale-prelude on *Sleepers, Awake!*

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Veni, Emmanuel

Plainsong, Mode I, 15th Cent.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
(9th Century Latin)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion

People: For lo, I shall come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord

Leader: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day

People: And shall be my people; and I will dwell among you

***Opening Hymn**

People, Look East

UMH 202

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

PEOPLE: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in our time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

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.*

(please be seated)

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Tony and Kim Reeder

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Offertory

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Somerset folk song, arr. Alan Bullard

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784)

*Doxology *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Thomas Tallis, The Eighth Tune

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.

*A Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

When Love Is Found

UMH 643

*Gospel Lesson

John 13:33-35

Sermon

Don't Forget The Second Part

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConaughy

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord;
May we love and serve the living God.

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in honor of the residents of Bluebird Retirement Community and Sovereign Village*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
Bea Riegel, Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Kim Braddock,
Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana,
Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Michael Fisher, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman,
Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser,
Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Claudia Justice,
Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller,
Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer,
Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock,
Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance,
Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

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2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training

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Men's Bible Study & Fellowship meets in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for some coffee and muffins for this and future discussions. Here's the topic for the next meeting:

The Role of Prayer – Saturday, December 20. Prayer is the lifeline of the believer. It is our direct line of communication with God, allowing us to express our thoughts, fears, and gratitude. Discussing the role of prayer in our lives can reveal how it deepens our relationship with God and influences our decision-making. It also provides a platform to share personal stories about answered prayers, struggles in prayer, and the transformative power of seeking God's presence through conversation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

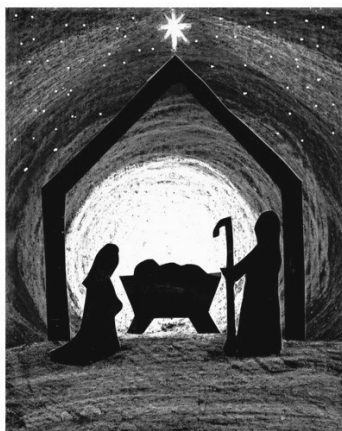
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CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

Christmas Eve, come join us as we

Remember and reflect joyfully upon God's

Great Gift to us - The Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

7:00pm and 11:00pm Candlelight Services

Special Sanctuary Choir performance

At the 11:00pm Service



Sunday Leaders

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