



All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

December 7, 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 Savior of the Nations, Come

J. S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der heiden heiland

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, of heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

People: The Lord is good to all, His compassion is over all His creation

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call

People: To all who call upon the Lord in truth

***Opening Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(verses 1- 4)

UMH 211

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

UMH 881

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.

***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 Timothy 3:14-16

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Truth

Joe and Sue Mosier

Children's Sermon

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Offertory

Advent Carol

Orientis partibus, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Desert, blossom as a rose rising radiant as it grows,
All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of Hope.
Thirsty land, become a stream, flowing fountain, calm, serene,
Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love
Alleluia, alleluia!

Weakened hands, be now made strong, silent tongues, break forth in song;
Blinded eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy.
Soon a pathway shall be found, for the faithful, holy ground,
Safe from angry, warring beast; Come to us, O God of Peace.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Sin God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love and peace shall come;
Sorrow, sighing, now dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel.
King of glory, Soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, Thy power to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!
Alleluia, alleluia!

(Text: Carol McClure, from Isaiah 35)

*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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

UMH 142

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:13-20

Sermon

It Starts Here

Rev. Dave Leckrone

Holy Communion

Musical Setting C, UMH 20

*Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

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

Postlude *(be seated)* Chorale-prelude on *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J. S. Bach

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of Tom Sisterhen by Sally and Family*

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
Sandy Fisher on the loss of her beloved husband Michael

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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, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

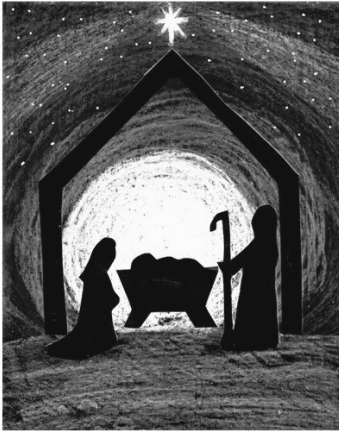
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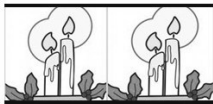
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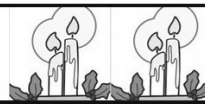


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**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**



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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Brian Benedum

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Liturgist

Lorraine Terry

December Ushers

Matt McCann, Chair

Karen Summers

Mike Jenkins

Christa Jenkins

Lay Leader

Henry Comer

December Hospitality

Adrian & Lorraine Terry

Children's Church

None this week—Holy
Communion

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and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is
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Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you
present your church bulletin to your server.



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new, unwrapped toy for the annual Firefighter's
Toy Drive! We are now receiving toys. There
will be a trunk in the hallway near the elevator.