

All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

December 21, 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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

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: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news

People: Who publishes peace, who brings tidings of good

Leader: Who publishes salvation

People: Who says to the people, your God reigns

*Opening Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

*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)

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Greg Cooley and Cathie Littleton

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Offertory

Comfort Ye, My People

Psalm 42, Claude Goudimel
Arr. Mark Schweizer

Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus saith your God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and dear,
Bidding all men to repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain;
Let you heart be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

(text: Johann Olearius, trans. Catherine Winkworth)

*Doxology *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*A Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

UMH 182

*Gospel Lesson

John 5:2-9

Sermon

What A Silly Question

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn

What Child is This

UMH 219

*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 *Rejoice, Ye Christians, All of You*

Ernst Pepping

Altar Table Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
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

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training



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 Power of Gratitude – Saturday, January 3, 2026

Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have. The Bible teaches us to give thanks in all circumstances. This topic encourages discussions on cultivating an attitude of gratitude in daily life. Sharing experiences of thankfulness can inspire others to recognize God's blessings, even in challenging times. The power of gratitude lies in its ability to transform our perspective and enhance our relationships with others and with God.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

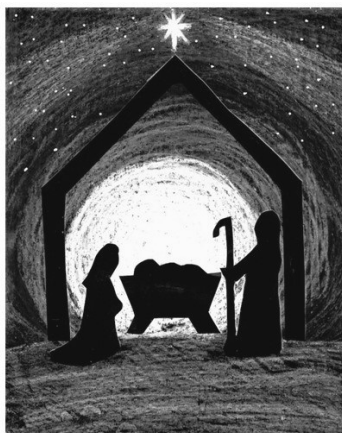
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Christmas Eve, come join us as we

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7:00pm and 11:00pm Candlelight Services

Special Sanctuary Choir performance

At the 11:00pm Service



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