



Jarvis Memorial UMC Order of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

Gathering as the Body of Christ

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Don Mitchell

Announcements

Lennie Furlough, Director of Communications and Connections

Opening Scripture

Colossians 3:17

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Chiming of the Hour

Organ Prelude

Dr. Catherine Garner, Interim Organist

Choral Call to Worship

“He Is Born”

arr. Kenneth Wilson

Call to Worship

UMH 862

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise the Lord in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, all his angels! Praise the Lord, all his hosts.

Minister: Praise the Lord, sun and moon! Praise the Lord, all shining stars!

All: Praise the Lord, highest heavens! And all waters above the heavens!

Minister: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

All: God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!

Offering Our Prayers and Praise

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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

UMH 71

*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.*

Call to Confession

Minister: Let us bow before our God; confess; repent; and turn from our sins:

Prayer of Confession

Minister: God of goodness and light, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lost our way. Too often we have lived out of our pride and stubbornness and failed to turn to you in our times of need. You have given us all that we need to live sober and right-minded lives dedicated to you and your Kingdom. Impel us to sin no more and give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine ways in the world. Help us accept the forgiveness you offer, and the wisdom to ask for it. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this coming year with a faithfulness that we scarcely knew we had in us. Power this celebration through your Holy Spirit—the greatest gift you can offer us today.

All: In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(pause for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: This is the time of God’s favor. God’s grace continues to proclaim release to the captives; sight to the blind; Good News to the poor; and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven and free people through the grace of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister: Blessed Lord, You have given us a reminder of the many ways in which you care for us and guide us. Father, wake us from our indifference and cynicism to see and respond to your grace. We pray for all our brothers and sisters who stand beyond the margins of our comfort and security: for all who are alone during this season of love and community; for all who are

homeless or jobless in this season of compassion and new life; for all who live in pain of body or mind in this time when love is declared incarnate. We pray for the children of this earth; for all who are abused or neglected; for all who suffer the consequences of our careless acts or words. Link us again with their sense of play and wonder and their capacity to trust and to forgive. We pray for all who are victims of hate and oppression, including all we unknowingly hurt through blindness. Enable us to feel their pain and rejection. Help us to reach out in understanding and reconciliation. And for ourselves we pray, that we might find the time to consider the direction of our lives and the values and people we cherish. Discipline us to be more intentional as agents of hope; as channels of your grace; and as people who have seen your presence in their lives. Bless us and keep us in your care. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

(Sharing today's prayer list and congregational concerns.)

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

*Hymn

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

UMH 179

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and of the news that came to them from angels in the air. The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today; of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.
2. O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy; O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy. For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow; now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
3. O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still. For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.
4. O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay, of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away. For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave, and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

Sharing Our Blessings

Reminder: As a safety precaution, we are not passing the collection plates from pew to pew. Instead, a collection plate is stationed midway the back of the sanctuary near the rocking chairs for use on the way in or out. There is also a secured black lockbox by the stairwell in front of the receptionist's office that you may use. For those who'd like to drop off 2022 pledge cards today, please use the square pledge box on the back table...or drop these into the secured black lockbox by the stairwell in front of the receptionist's office. As always, tithes, offerings, and 2022 pledges may also be made online (www.Jarvis.Church or the Jarvis Church app). Thank you.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Minister: Father of all, we praise you that all things which come to us are yours. We are thankful that you provide for us financially; you provide for us spiritually; and you provide for our daily needs. We cannot begin to list the ways you bless us. We know you don't need anything material from us, but you do desire our reverence. And so, blessed Lord, we give you our tithes and offerings now, but more importantly, we give you our love and our esteem.

All: Amen.

*Doxology

(Please stand if able.)
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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Minister: God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Pew Bible, OT Page 246
Anthem	<i>Sweet, Little Jesus Boy</i>	Allyson Baxter

*Gospel Lesson	Luke 2:25-35	Pew Bible, NT Page 59
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(If able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel.)

Minister: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message	“Dedication-Giving Your All To God”	Rev. Rhonda Grant Jordan
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Called to Go Forth and Witness in the World

*Closing Hymn	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	UMH 117
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1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

*Please wait for the ushers to dismiss you pew by pew
so that we may observe the safe gathering and safe exiting guidelines.
Your cooperation is much appreciated as we continue preventative measures
to care for and protect one another during this pandemic.*

*Chimes of The Trinity

*Postlude

Prayers For God's People - December 26, 2021



Those with December/January birthdays:

Kathy Goodson (12-27), Courtney Holbrook (12-27), Cheryl Martin (12-27), Austin Vinson (12-27), Ann Coker (12-28), Abby Kenerly (12-28), Tracy Ferguson (12-29), Janey Hachmeister (12-29), Randy Hobbs (12-29), Linda Moeschl (12-29), Vance Taylor (12-29), Jule Baxter (12-30), Megan Champion (12-31), Melissa Faulconer (12-31), John Britt (1-1), Shelly Jones (1-1), Grace Massey (1-1), Sue Taylor (1-1), Tommy Tice (1-1), Sadler Smith (1-2)

(If we do not list your birthday, call the church office as we do not have your date of birth in our database.)

Homebound or in nursing homes:

Jennie Brooks, Melva Burke, Gayle Cobb, David Duncan, Louise Duncan, Pat Earnhardt, Dot Ellen, Barbara Neville, Anne Parkinson, Dave Simmons, Ann Slocumb, Cecil Turner, Elizabeth Waters, Carol West

Members of the congregation (ten families per week):

Matthew McCauley, Meghan McCauley, Elizabeth McConnell, Laura McConnell, Jim McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Betsy McDonald, Elizabeth McDonald, Jack McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Biff and Madeline McGillicuddy, Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Catherine McKee

Health or other concerns, upcoming operations or hospitalizations:

Charles Alford, Anne Briley, John and Lisa Britt, Monty Clark, Vickie Clement, Catherine Cooke, Linda Daughtry (Cindy Challender's sister), Louise Daughtry (Cindy Challender's mother), Matt Davis, Martha Ferrell, Judy Garris, Jennifer C. Hopper, Carol Howard, Trey Kuhn, Roger and Barbara Lamothe, Patsy Moore, Jimmy Munn, Sandra Nabors, Lyman and Holly Ormond, Peter Read, Margaret Rives (Christy Twiddy's mother), Debbie Rogers, Jerrie Rogers, Dorothee Taylor, Etta Taylor, Dr. Donald "Don" Tucker, Nan Vinson (Nina Paul's daughter-in-law)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

Sharon Angel upon the death of her mother, Judy Garris (12-19)
Stephen West and family upon the death of his mother, Betty West (12-17)
Janet and Keith Holley upon the death of her father, George (Tad) T. Myers (12-12)
Tom Moore upon the death of his sister, Janet Logan (12-11)
Rhonda Argenbright upon the death of her brother, Tony Hager (12-7)
Gayle Hardy and Leah White upon the death of Leah's father, Sylvester Lee White (11-18)
Linda Moeschl upon the death of her husband, James Moeschl (11-5)

2021 Confirmands:

Julia Begelman, Christian Clark, Zoey Hardy, Chloe Lewis, Evan Price, Gracie Schremp, McGavock Smith, Katie Tuten, Georgia Fanning, Zadoc Fanning

2021 New Members:

Debi Robertson, Tom and Martha Cameron, Richard and Nancy Winn, Ed and Genny Kelly, Grace Kriner, Michael and Catherine McKee, Dixie Wilson, Terrell Alston, Andrew and Brie Denton, Rev. Bob Tilley, Shakira Brewington, Tracy Ferguson, Rev. Connie Belmore, Robert Welch, Bobby and Nancy Day, Ben and Haley Gawron, Dr. Robert and Jane Capps