

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

B-Team

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day is dawning, a new year beginning.

**O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

**O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.**

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You.**

## HYMN UMH 254

"We Three Kings"

<sup>1</sup> We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

<sup>2</sup> Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

<sup>3</sup> Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

<sup>4</sup> Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

<sup>5</sup> Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who dresses us in the garments of salvation; who by the grace of Christ covers us with the robe of righteousness, adopts us into the holy family, and promises to make us a crown of beauty, a royal diadem in the hand of God.**

**This we believe through Christ Jesus.**

**May the Holy Spirit strengthen our belief.**

## GLORIA PATRI 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.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### READER'S THEATER

"Happy Jesus Day"

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

B-Team

## CALL TO PRAYER FWS 2128 (vs 1) "Come And Find The Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## HYMN

"Jesus Loves The Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

"Christmas Is Every Day"

Pastor Harold Henderson

*John 1:1-5, 14*

## HYMN UMH 251

"Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

<sup>1</sup> While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

<sup>2</sup> The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

<sup>3</sup> Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

## POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE, AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.



## CONNECTION CARD

Please use the Connection Card for any questions, comments, or prayer requests you may have and place in the basket on your way out of the Sanctuary today. You can also fill one out using our First UMC app or online at [fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard](https://fumcgnv.org/ConnectionCard)



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have prayers to be lifted up or wish to be part of the team who lifts up prayers, drop an email to [prayer@fumcgnv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org) or note it on the Connection Card.

## MISSION MOMENT - CHILDREN'S HOME

This Sunday's second-mile giving is in support of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home whose vision is to heal and restore children and families through the love of God. Please include "Children's Home" or "FUMCH" in the note on your check or online gift.

## YEAR-END GIVING

In order to finish the year financially strong, for the purpose of sharing's Christ's love on our campus, in our community, and around our world, we need your gift!

Anything received or postmarked by December 31 will be applied to this fiscal year and although the church office is closed next week, you can mail in your offering or drop it off through the mail slot in the door. You can also always donate online via Subsplash at <https://fumcgnv.org/GiveOnline>. Thank you... we are better together!

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please take a Christmas poinsettias home with you after worship today as a reminder of the Christmas season.

## CHURCH OFFICE REOPENS TUESDAY

The church office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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