

## WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

## PRELUDE

Jennifer Miller

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace  
**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a rumor of justice  
**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a whisper of hope  
**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard a hint of love  
**and we have faith its day will come.**

We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child  
**and we have faith his day is here.**

Welcome to Christmas in July! Welcome to worship!

## HYMN UMH 234 (vs 1, 3, 6) "O Come All Ye Faithful"

<sup>1</sup> O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup> Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

<sup>6</sup> Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world.**

**I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, who came among us in weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit whose presence reminds us that we are never alone. Emmanuel, God with us. Yes, this I truly believe.**

## 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.

## RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunny Baik

## CALL TO PRAYER UMH 217 "Away In A Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

## CONNECTION CARD

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Questions or Comments?

**HYMN** UMH 219

"What Child Is This?"

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

UMH 220

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

UMH 238

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

UMH 240

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

**SERMON**

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"Joy on Layaway"

Luke 1:39-55

**HYMN** UMH 246

"Joy To The World"

<sup>1</sup> Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

<sup>2</sup> Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

<sup>3</sup> No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

<sup>4</sup> He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

**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****ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Joy Green-Byron in honor of her family and in memory of Miriam Mathis.

**FAREWELL TO SUNNY**

Today is Sunny's last day with us as our organist. Sunny has landed a job as an Actuary and will be moving to Tampa. After worship today, we hope that you will join us in the courtyard in front of the Sanctuary for Christmas cookies and coffee, where she will be the guest of honor. Thank you Sunny for all your hard work and dedication to First UMC since 2018!

**CONNECTION CARDS**

First-time guests, we hope you'll fill out a Connection Card that includes your contact information so we can share a special welcome with you this week. Regular attenders who checked in at the Welcome Table, you don't need to fill out a Connection Card unless you have a prayer request or change of contact information. Thanks to all, we're glad you're here!

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have prayers to be lifted up, drop an email to [prayer@fumcgnv.org](mailto:prayer@fumcgnv.org).

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