

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude Gail Thomas

Welcome Rev. Ray Spiller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Harper Lou Luster

Kenneth Ammons

Call to Worship Rev. Ray Spiller

Leader

Great is our God and worthy to be praised!

All

**His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation!**

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All (sung to O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

**“O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits
by this justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark
shadows put to flight.”**

Before the birth of Christ, Mary rejoiced in God’s salvation;
we join in the generations that have called her blessed.
We light this candle in faith of God who fulfills his promises;
and we prepare the way for Peace on Earth

All (sung)

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel.**

***“Away in a Manger”** 217 UMH

Verse 1

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.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever
and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

239 UMH

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin,
mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in
heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories
stream from heaven a-far, heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu--ia! Christ
the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Congregational Prayer

Anthem/Offertory “Still, Still, Still” arr.Schram

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-3, 10-11

Leader

The Word of God: our light in the darkness.

All

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:39-45

You are invited to stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel

Leader

The Word of God, for the people of God

All (sung)

Doxology

Sermon “Hallelujah Anyway” Rev. Brian Coplin

Hymn of Response “My Soul Gives Glory to My God” 198

Verse 1

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise. God
lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

Verse 2

My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

Verse 5

Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

Benediction and Sending

Leader

As you go forth into this final week of Advent,
God bless you in remembrance of his mighty works
and keep you in confidence of his promises, made full in
time. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All (sung)

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel**

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer request, please share it during our Joys & Concerns or fill out a prayer request card and place it in the Offering plate. If you have a request during the week: please contact the church office 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin He may be reached on his cell phone:318-614-5050 or send an e-mail: rev.coplin@gmail.com Please note we will remove names at the end of the month, you will need to call the office to put a name back on the list.

Sandra Bishop (Diann Migliore's mom)
Carrie Broussard
Our pastor and family
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Seth Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
Mike Luster
Family of Elizabeth Mitchell
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Garland Peterson
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Janice Rike
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Brian Tannehill
Cindy Troha (Joe's sister-in-law)
Kevin Troquille

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 19

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Carrie Broussard's 100 Year Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 20

5:30 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 a.m. - Sunshine Kids Program in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Prayer Group in Parlor
12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed
5:30 p.m. - Youth

Thursday, December 23

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed

Friday, December 24

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed
5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Nursery care is provided for children 5 years and younger at the bottom of the front stairway. There is also a "cry room" at the back of the sanctuary. Please be aware that, for safety' sake, all external doors are locked after the worship service has begun. So, if you need to leave and re-enter the building please do so through the double glass doors in the Narthex where the ushers can assist you.

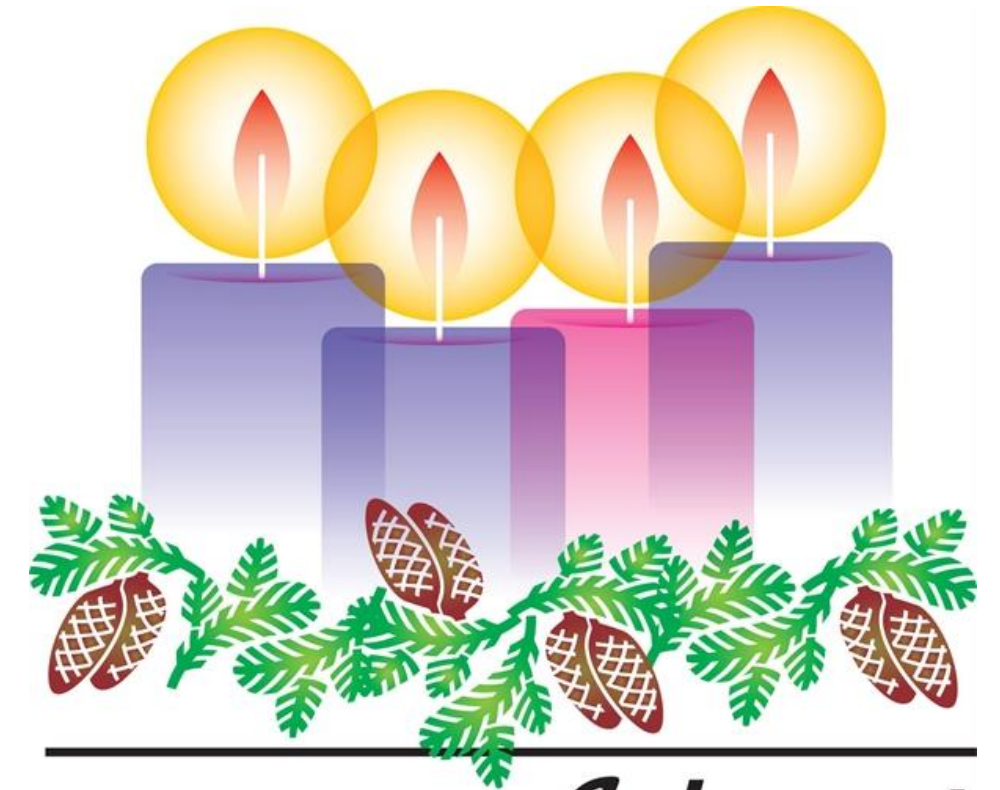
December Nursery Workers

December 5 - Elizabeth Pickett
December 12 - Mary Ellen Freeman
December 19 - Carolyn Dove
December 26 - Vicki Isgitt

*WAYS TO GIVE

Give your tithes & offerings during worship services. You may send by mail to FUMC P.O. Box 1210 Many, La. 71449. We now have the option to give through **TEXT TO GIVE** Text #22525 then put in code FUMCM You may also go to the church website fumc-many.com Please call the church office for more information 318-256-3632

Taking donations for food pantry.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana

December 19, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Brian Coplin
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Ray Spiller
Choir Director: Carole Troha
Accompanist: Patsy McCormick
Organist: Gail Thomas

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Our Mission
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world



THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

In memory of Pearletta Enterkin given by Charles Enterkin, Allen & Vicki Isgitt
In memory of Cindy Enterkin Heard given by Charles Enterkin, Allen & Vicki Isgitt
In memory of Jo Ellen Cotton given by Mike & Vicki Simpson
In memory of our Parents: Cliff & Ethel Ammons, Raymond & Lois Barnhill,
Donald W. Smith given by Kenneth & Donna Ammons
In memory of Henry Thomas given by Gail Thomas

In honor of Carrie Broussard's 100th Birthday given by Mike & Zel



Have You Met Our Amazing Youth Group?

Every Wednesday evening 30-40 Teens and Tweens crowd into our Family Life Center to share a meal, a devotional, and recreation.

Seeing how these young people are growing in faith and service is truly a blessing! We need your help now to expand and deepen the Wednesday night program in 2 ways:

Children in K-4th grades – Many of the youth have younger siblings who want to come to our church, too. These children are invited to the Birthday Party for Jesus on Wednesday, December 15th. Then in January, we plan to launch a regular children's activity on Wednesday nights 5:30-7:00, including a Bible lesson and recreation. At least two adults are needed each night. If you feel God calling you to this new outreach, please contact Nancy Spiller at 318-315-2356. There is a real need for ministry with this age group!

Small Group Discussions with Youth – For a richer experience, the youth will begin dividing into small groups for about 20 minutes following the devotional. An adult is needed for each group to informally talk about the devotional, share their own understandings and "God moments," and, most of all, to listen. Our youth are searching for a deeper relationship with God, and you can be part of that growth. With enough volunteers, we should be able to alternate Wednesdays as needed. To be part of this ministry from 6:00-6:30 on Wednesdays, please contact Nancy Spiller at 318-315-2356.

*"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35*



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.