

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now the heavens start to whisper;
as the veil is growing thin

Earth from slumber wakes to listen;
to the stirring, faint within

Seed of promise, deeply planted;
child to spring from Jesse's stem!

Like the soil beneath the frost-line
hearts grow soft to welcome Him.

“What Child Is This”

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Verse 1

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?

Refrain:

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

OPENING PRAYER

God of all love, with expectant hearts we await the arrival of
Jesus. Once he came in humility; may he now come in glory.
That he may make all things perfect in your everlasting
kingdom. Emmanuel, our Lord, who was, and is, and who is
to come. **Amen.**

ADVENT WREATH

As love draws near, our hearts are assured: Do not fear.
Your God is with you. We light this candle in adoration of our
faithful God who first loved us, who now lives among us.

A TIME TO SING

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie; above
thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in
thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and
fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out
our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the
Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us,
abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

O Come All Ye Faithful”

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Verse 1

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;

Refrain:

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

Verse 2

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns
not the Virgin's Womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not
created;

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Donna Ammons

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 43:15-19

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 1:17-25

The Word of God: Our light in the darkness

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Something Old, Something New”

Rev. Brian Coplin

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Verse 1

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people
free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in
thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth
thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing
heart.

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born
to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By
thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all
sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures
here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

“Gloria Patri”

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.

POSTLUDE

our church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

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 by cell phone 318 614 5050 or send him an e-mail:rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Carrie Broussard
Norman Booker III
Jiles Bowling
Lake Childress (friend of Gary & Janet Elam)
Linda Christian (Janet Elam's cousin)
Our pastor and family
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin
Lily DeRamos (Gary & Janet Elam's granddaughter)
Brianna Damron
Donna Ellzey
Charles Enterkin
Greg Everett
Odis Faust
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Gwen Gastinel (Janet Elam's Sister)
Laurie Gentry
John & Betsy Godfrey
Rene Hill (Janet Elam's sister)
Zachary Hill (Janet Elam's nephew)
Crystal Hable
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Louis Lee
Renita Logan
Billie Lou Luster
Mary Ann McDaniel (Kristie Vick's mother)
Bill Roach
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Denise Richardson
Ken Seegers
Linda Seegers
Bill Sky (George Ellis) (Laurie Gentry's dad)
Cindi Sullivan (Suzanne Fogle's sister)
Kevin Troquille
Family of Ross Williams
Family of Rex Wright

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth Ammons John & Diann Migliore
Eugene Fremaux Ted & Carolyn Dove

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 19

6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

Tuesday, December 20

9:30 a.m. - Toys for Joy Pickup- FLC
10:00 a.m. - Preschool Christmas Program - Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Prayer
12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. - Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship Service

Church Office will be closed Thursday, December 22 - Monday, December 26th. Office will re-open Tuesday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Are you connected?

As a church family it is important to feel connected to each other and the church activities. Let's talk about what we need as a church and as an individual and how we can meet that goal in 2023.

Please contact Amie Mitchell, email: atmitch@bellsouth.net or mail to:

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NOTE TO PARENTS: All children are welcome in worship! We offer nursery care for children 0-5 years of age. Our nursery is located at the bottom of the front stairs. Additionally, our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. For the security of our young ones in these areas, all exterior doors are locked after the worship service has begun. Entry will then be available with the assistance of our ushers at the front glass doors. Thank you.

December Nursery Workers

December 4 - Carolyn Dove
December 11 - Cathy Troquille
December 18 - Vicki Isgitt
December 24 - Elizabeth Pickett
December 25 - Elizabeth Pickett
January 1 - Mary Ellen Freeman



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

**First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana**

December 18, 2022

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

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GIVING: In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website: fumc-many.com We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call



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 Henry Thomas given by Gail Thomas
In memory of our mothers, Ethel Ammons and Lois Barnhill given by Kenneth & Donna
Ammons

In honor of Carrie Broussard's 101st birthday given by her loving family
In honor of Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin given by Kenneth & Donna
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Christmas Eve Worship on Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 pm

