

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer.

From generation to generation God gives mercy.

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

OPENING PRAYER

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

ADVENT WREATH

God promises a Savior to redeem all of Creation, and calls his people to watch and await his arrival. We light this candle in anticipation of His promise fulfilled, and we joyfully prepare the way in prayer and repentance.

A TIME TO SING

“The First Noel”

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Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far and to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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Verse 1

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!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Verse 2

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 35:4-7, 10

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 11:2-11

The Word of God: Our light in the darkness

Thanks be to God

SERMON “What Are You Waiting For?” Rev. Brian Coplin

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

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

Verse 4

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Refrain

Verse 5

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery.

Refrain

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

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 Rex Wright

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carrie Broussard
Ava Isgitt

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Sunday, December 11

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

Angel Tree Gifts Due Today

Monday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 13

12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club
7:00 p.m. - Choir & Cantata Practice

Wednesday, December 14

5:30 p.m. - Birthday Party for Jesus - All ages invited

Thursday, December 15

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Cantata- "The Wonders of Christmas"

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:

Amie Mitchell
c/o FUMC P.O. Box 1210
Many, LA 71449



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

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



**First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana**

December 11, 2022

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

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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 honor of Carrie Broussard's 101st birthday given by her loving family

Come join us Wednesday December 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Birthday Party for Jesus, Chicken Strips, dessert, and
drinks will be furnished. Please bring your favorite
side dish.

Sabine Community Choir Concert

The Sabine Community Choir will present "The Wonders of
Christmas" by David Hamilton on Thursday, December 15 at
7 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Many. This work
captures the broad range of emotions of the Christmas season
and reflects the countless ways we respond to the glorious
truth of our Savior's birth. Admission is free. Narration will be
provided by Donna Ammons. Soloists are Zelma Broussard,
Mike Morris, and Rebecca Penfield. Patsy McCormick will
accompany the choir. Join us in worship with joy and
expectation. Come, let us adore Him!

Christmas Eve Worship on Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 pm

