

Greeting

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed his people.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

“Joy to the World” 246

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

“Angels We Have Heard on High” 238

Verse 1

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

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Isaiah 52:7-10 (NRSV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of God: our light in the darkness.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading 2 John 1:1-5, 10-14 (NRSV)

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth..

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “For the People of God” Rev. Brian Coplin

Offertory

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” 251

Refrain:

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

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth

Refrain

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Benediction and Sending

You have seen the Savior. Go now in peace. Be his light to enlighten everyone you meet, and let your life reflect the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

Robert Gentry
Billy & Becky Lafitte
Kent & Shirley Lee

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Sunday, December 25

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

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Open

Friday, December 30

12:30 p.m. - Church Office Closed

Church Office Closed Monday, January 2

Office will open 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3

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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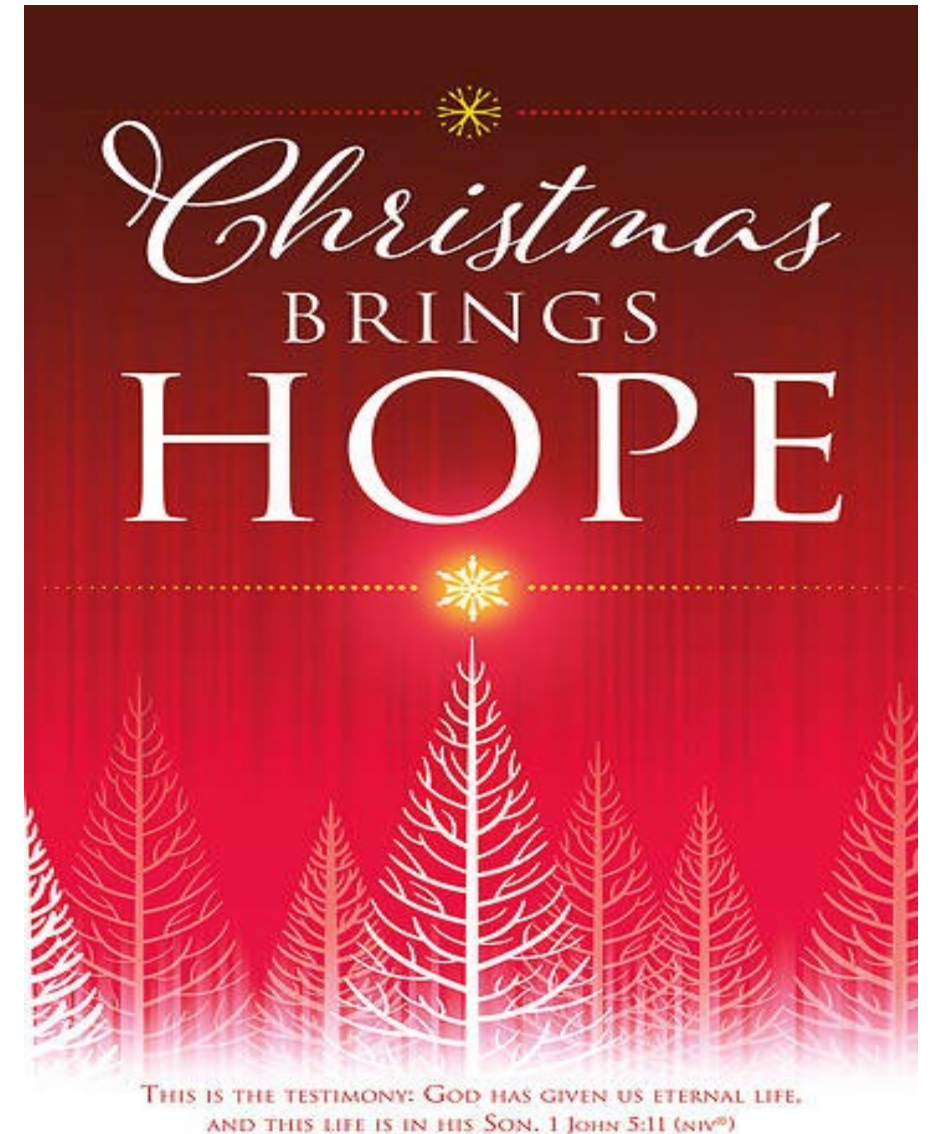


NOTE TO PARENTS: All children are welcome in worship! We offer nursery care for children 0-5 years of age. Our nursery is located at the bottom of the front stairs. Additionally, our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. For the security of our young 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

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 25, 2022

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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Ray Spiller
Choir Director: Carole Troha
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