

PRELUDE "A Rose Breaks Into Bloom"

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" 204

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

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Peace, as night gives way to morning, we await the Savior of all Creation. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know your glory through Jesus Christ, our lord and light. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH

Through the generations since David, God's people watched for a Savior. Then John the Baptist spoke as a prophet, and hearts stirred in expectation. We light this candle in solidarity with that voice of one calling in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him!

A TIME TO SING

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220

Verse 1

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:

Refrain:

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

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" 626

Verse 1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descending, comes our homage to command.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Donna Ammons

ANTHEM "Night of the Father's Love" Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of God: Our light in the darkness.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Kingdoms Collide" Rev. Brian Coplin

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon and Peace

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you

People only: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained

steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (KJV)

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

OFFERTORY "Ave Maria"

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 "Sing to the Lord on High"

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

Bonnie Fox Miles
Hampton Hable



**First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana**

December 4, 2022

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Sunday, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

5:30 p.m. - Meal
6:00 p.m. - Covenant Group
6:00 - Youth TNT & First Kids

Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship

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.



Angel Tree 2022

Our Church has received "angel tree tags". Please pick one of these tags off the tree and Sign your name on the pickup list.

Angel Tree cards will have an age & gender on the card.

Each gift should range "between \$20-\$50"

Please do not wrap gifts, but leave in sales bag & attach the Angel Tree Card to the bag with tape or ribbon.

Please include a gift bag & tissue paper for your gift.

If you use the QR code that links to our Amazon list you may ship directly to LMCH.

Gifts are due at the church no later than Sunday December 11

POINSETTIA ORDERS THE TIME IS NOW!

Once again, our sanctuary will be graced with poinsettias for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to place plants in honor or in memory of loved ones, please order directly from your favorite florist and ask that they be delivered by **12:00 noon on Friday, December 9th**



This year the colors are red flowers, white paper, and gold bows. Also, please call or have your florist call Marilyn in the church office 256-3632 with the name of your honoree(s) by Wednesday, December 7th, so that their names can be listed in the bulletin.

Birthday Party for Jesus, Wednesday, December 14 Potluck Meal at 5:30 pm in Family Life Center. Chicken strips, dessert and drinks will be furnished. Please bring your favorite side dish.

Christmas Cantata on Thursday, December 15th the Community Choir will perform "The Wonders of Christmas" at 7:00 pm

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