

PRELUDE "The Carolers"
**WELCOME AND GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NIV)

The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

**This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Israel,
With expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ADVENT WREATH

As the first act of creation, God separated darkness from light. Yet God's order was disrupted, and many days of darkness have passed. We light this candle as a symbol of our hope in Christ, the light of the world so that we might wait and watch for Hope drawing near.

A TIME TO SING

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196

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.

"Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" 213

Verse 1

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold. The King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Verse 2

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

**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 it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Donna Ammons

ANTHEM "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King" by Lau

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-4

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 12:36-44

The Word of God: Our hope and stay.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hurry Up and Wait" Rev. Brian Coplin

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

"My Hope Is Built" 368

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 4

When he shall come in trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

**OFFERTORY "From Heaven above to Earth I Come"
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 "Gloria in Excelsis"

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
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)
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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

John Hoagland
Mary Ellen Freeman
Clay Henry

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Sunday, November 27

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

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

11:30 a.m. - UWF Christmas Luncheon at Gail Thomas' home
5:30 p.m. - Parsonage Open House

Friday, December 2

4:30 p.m. - Operation Moonlight Madness - FLC

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: amitch@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.

November Nursery Workers

November 6 - Elizabeth Pickett
November 13 - Cathy Troquille
November 20 - Carolyn Dove
November 27 - Vicki Isgitt

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**

November 27, 2022

Pastor:

Minister Emeritus:

Choir Director:

Accompanist:

Organist:

Rev. Brian Coplin

Rev. Ray Spiller

Carole Troha

Patsy McCormick

Gail Thomas

Website: fumc-many.com

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Upcoming Events



- ❖ **United Women in Faith Christmas Luncheon** will be at Gail Thomas' home Thursday, December 1st at 11:30 am
- ❖ **Parsonage Open House** Thursday, December 1st beginning at 5:30 pm

Operation Moonlight Mission

Free Childcare

During Moonlight Madness in Many
So you can shop till you drop!

Ages: 4-12

Date: December 2, 2022

Time: 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Place: First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center

Fun activities planned
Supper will be provided
Please call the church office at 256-3632
to register your children



- ❖ **Birthday Party for Jesus, Potluck Meal** at 5:30 pm in Family Life Center
- ❖ **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



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.