

CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 3, 2023
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.

We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.

Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Opening Song Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH 209

Lighting Of The First Advent Candle: "Hope"

The first Advent Candle symbolizes hope. It is often referred to as the Prophecy Candle, especially acknowledging the Prophet Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus the Christ. We anticipate the coming of the Messiah.

Congregation: Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Sermon The Bible Says What?

Response Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Doxology

Holy Communion Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
UMH 626

SERVING GOD

Invitation of Membership

Closing Song People Look East UMH 202

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

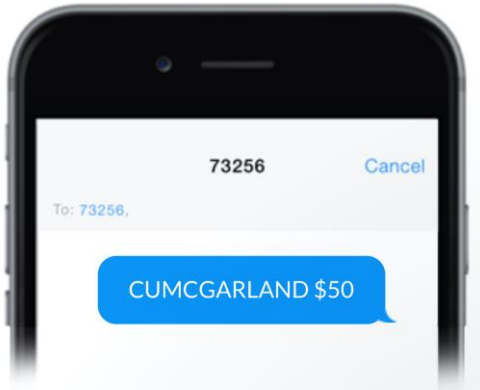
2. Send Joys and Concerns as a comment on the YouTube or Facebook Live chat section

3. Give online at:

<https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now>

or Text to give:

[Text CUMCGARLAND with the dollar amount to 73256](https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now)



Let your financial gifts be a challenge to give out of your resources for spiritual reasons. Give out of joy and thanksgiving. Please know that every gift from our members and non-members is sincerely appreciated.

Announcements

Please continue to bring canned goods and other food items for our community food pantry. Thank you for sharing with others.

Monday evening Bible Study
6:30 pm.

Friday Morning Bible Study
9:30am

Advent Season Mission Project:
GLOWS (Garland Overnight
Warming Stations)

Please donate coats, jackets, scarves, caps, baby diapers, wipes, cat and dog food to be distributed by Good Samaritans of Garland

Women of Cornerstone
Christmas party
December 19 at 6:30pm

Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 9
9:30am – 11:30am

Charge Conference
December 14, at 7:00pm

SMU Basketball has started.
Contact Kathy Rickett at kjsrickett@aol.com
or Chris Rickett at chrisrickett@cornerstone-umc.org
for more information about how you can help with concessions.

Continued prayers for Pastor Rick and Andrea

CUMC Staff

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Accompanist

Melissa Mobilia

Violinist

Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH 209

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

People Look East UMH 202

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

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.

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.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence UMH 626

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 descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

