

CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 10, 2023
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

Come! Listen! A voice cries out: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

We come, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

Pay attention! God is removing barriers and leveling the playing field, making a way for all people to witness the glory of the Lord.

We pay attention, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

We wait, and we work as God's landscapers, filling in valleys and making rough places a plain, bringing justice where conflicts and obstacles once reigned.

We wait, and we work in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

As we gather, may we prepare our voices to proclaim and our hands to get messy as our lives declare the coming of our Savior and Comforter.

We come to worship and to grow in the just peace of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Opening Song Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

Lighting Of The First Advent Candle: "Faith"

The second candle is purple. It is the candle of faith. It is often called the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. We today, are on our journey to receive the King of Kings.

Congregation: **We walk by faith and not by sight as we open ourselves to receiving the greatest gift known to humanity.**

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Born to Set Thy People Free

CUMC Choir, Children's
Choir, and Chimes Ensemble
Tom Watson, piano
Melissa Mobilia, violin
Lori Reynolds, readings

Born to Set Thy People Free

- Matthew 2:1-12

Over Desert, Hill, and Valley

- Isaiah 9:2-7

The First Noel

- Luke 2:1-7

Lullaby, Holy One

Response

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Chimes Ensemble

Doxology

SERVING GOD

Invitation of Membership

Closing Song Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

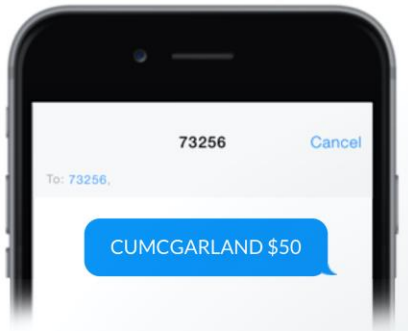
www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

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://text.cumcgarland.org)



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.

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

Friday Morning Bible Study
9:30am

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

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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Pastor Emeritus
Minister of Music
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Christopher Rickett

CCLC Director

Tech.

Tom Watson
Melissa Mobilia

Accompanist
Violinist

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH 213

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!

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.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220

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.

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

[Refrain]

O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

(Refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

(Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

[Refrain]

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

[Refrain]