

CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 17, 2023
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

Have you noticed? Are you paying attention? God is doing a new thing.

We watch and wait in the fierce joy of the coming Messiah.

You know the captives? God is bringing freedom. You know the brokenhearted? God is bringing healing.

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Beloved, listen. God is calling you. To be freed and to free your neighbors. To be healed and to heal your community. To testify to the Light among us.

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So, let us join our voices and our hearts as we proclaim the story of the one whose coming we anticipate and yet is already as close as our own breath.

We come to watch, to wait, and to worship in the fierce joy of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Opening Song Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH 203

Lighting Of The Third Advent Candle: "Joy"

The Third Advent Candle is symbolized in pink. It is often referred to as the Shepherd's Candle as it is seen as having the joy of a shepherd caring for the sheep. It reminds us of the joy the world experiences knowing how Jesus was born to bring sacred peace to the people of God. Let this joy fill our hearts.

Congregation: **This joy is deep within that embodies the human soul. It's a joy that comes from knowing the Comforter of Life has given it. Let this joy be passed along. Amen.**

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Sermon Thank You God – For Later

Response Once in David's Royal City UMH 250

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Doxology

SERVING GOD

Invitation of Membership

Closing Song Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

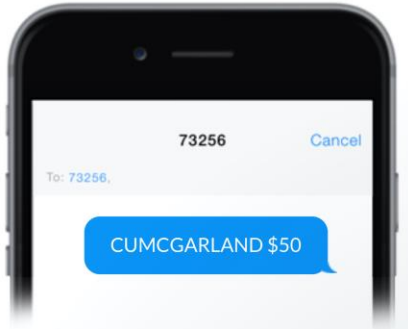
www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

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](#)



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
Will continue in the Spring

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

Congregational Breakfast
January 6th, 9:30 am

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

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

Rev. George Fisk

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Christopher Rickett

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Tom Watson
Melissa Mobilia

Accompanist
Violinist

Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

Once in David's Royal City UMH 250

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"