

CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 24, 2023
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

Stop. Listen. Pay attention. Love is coming near.

We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.

The Hope Bringer, Peace Maker, Joy Sustainer grows in a womb, preparing to be born among us.

We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.

With Mary, we long for the coming of the Child who will transform the world, bringing justice where injustice reigns, fullness where hunger persists, and favor to the ones the world calls lowly.

We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.

So let us join our voices and our lives in magnifying God, our Savior!

We come to wait and to declare the coming of the Love that transforms us! Amen.

Opening Song O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Lighting Of The Fourth Advent Candle: "Peace"

The lighting of the fourth Advent Candle is symbolized with the color purple. It shows royalty, majesty, and honor. This candle is the Angel's candle, showing the prophecy and the announcement of peace coming to the world. It is about having peace on earth and good will to all. It is peace in our hearts and lives.

Congregation: **We gladly hear the angels announcing the Word of God bringing peace to the world. In these turbulent and concerning days, we need to have peace. We need to be people of peace, not as the world gives, but as Jesus gives. Peace! Amen.**

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

Sermon **Savior and Lord**

Scripture Luke 2:1, 8-11

Response **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** **UMH 218**

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Doxology

SERVING GOD

Invitation of Membership

Closing Song **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice** **UMH 224**

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

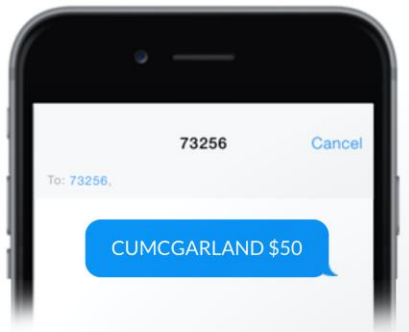
www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

2. Send Joys and Concerns as a comment on the YouTube or Facebook Live chat section
3. Give online at:

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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

Congregational Breakfast
January 6th, 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Service
Tonight

We are taking up a love offering.

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

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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Tom Watson

Accompanist

Melissa Mobilia

Violinist

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!