

# CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**December 31, 2023**  
**10:30am Sunday Service**

## **THE GATHERING**

### **Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call To Worship**

We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.

**We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.

**We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world.

**We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

**Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's kin-dom on earth as it is heaven. Amen.**

**Opening Song**    He Is Born, the Holy Child    UMH 228

## **KNOWING GOD**

### **Children's Time**

#### **Sermon**

Don't Be the Lie  
Scripture: Luke 2: 15-20

#### **Response**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

## **LOVING GOD**

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer of the People**

#### **Offering**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#### **Doxology**

## **SERVING GOD**

### **Invitation of Membership**

#### **Closing Song**

Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238

#### **Benediction**

## Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

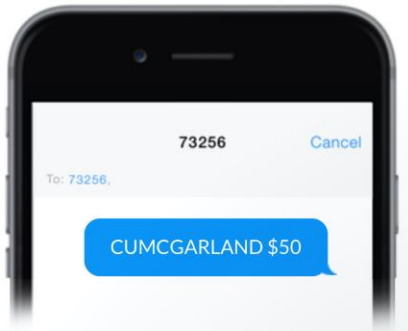
[www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland](http://www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland)

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am

We are taking up a love offering.

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

Continued prayers for Pastor Rick and Andrea

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**He Is Born, the Holy Child UMH 228**

Refrain:

He is born, the holy Child,  
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the holy Child,  
sing we all of the Savior mild.

Thru long ages of the past,  
prophets have foretold his coming;  
thru long ages of the past,  
now the time has come at last!

(Refrain)

O how lovely, O how pure  
is this perfect child of heaven;  
O how lovely, O how pure  
gracious gift to humankind!

(Refrain)

Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
coming as a child among us,  
Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
grant to us thy heavenly peace.

(Refrain)

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

**Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238**

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

(Refrain)

See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.

(Refrain)