



We are delighted you are here!

If you would like to join our church family this morning, please come forward at the end of the service. For more information about joining, please contact Rev. Lucas Tribble at [ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org).

**LITURGICAL SEASON: ADVENT**

The season of Advent starts the new Christian year. Advent is a season of four weeks, including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin word, adventus, which means “coming.” The season proclaims the comings of Christ - whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year, Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings, with each Sunday having a distinctive theme. The second Sunday of Advent focuses on the work of the prophets, particularly the ministry of John the Baptist. The liturgical color is purple.

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Rebecca “Ruby” Gray Lovin**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lunsford*

**Marilyn Perkins Zeigler**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keene*

**Katherine Litchfield Seale**

Building Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Ham Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ramsey, Patricia Mathis, Paula Mathis*

**Suzanne Marie Shepherd**

Music Ministry: *Patricia Mathis, Paula Mathis*

**Anita Warren**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. John Bell*

**Robert George Rocheleau**

Joseph Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hardwich, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Al Head, Patricia Mathis, Paula Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Micky McInnish*

**George William Thompson, Jr.**

Music Ministry: *Patricia Mathis, Paula Mathis*

**Martha Daughtry Dunn**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Robertson*

**Carol Bowden**

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry Criswell, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pringle*

**Becky Caddell**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Broach*

**IN HONOR OF**

**Pete and Liz Land**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. James Turner*

**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**BAPTISM**

**Caroline Cooper Bryan**

*November 24, 2019*

Daughter of Philip and Brittany Bryan

**BIRTHS**

**Michael Allen Bird III**

*November 25, 2019*

Son of Michael and Collins Bird II

**Catherine “Cate” Mae Crider**

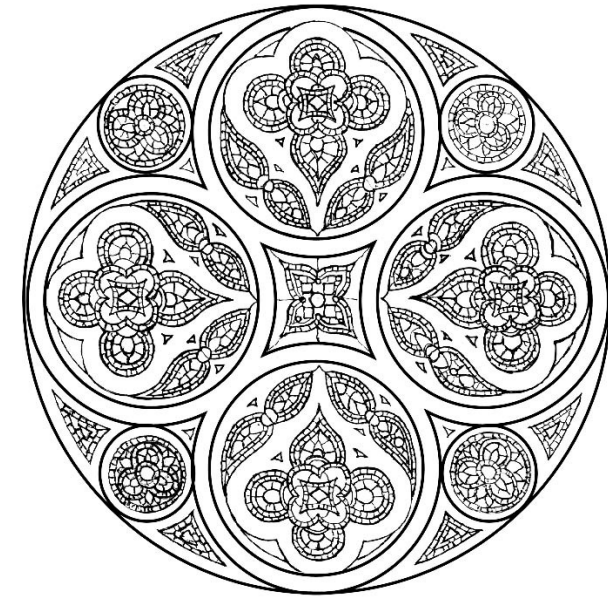
*November 25, 2019*

Daughter of Jeremy and Anne Tyler Crider

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Eileene Dempsey Griffith**

*November 25, 2019*



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**Reverend Jay D. Cooper**

Senior Minister

**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**

Associate Minister

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**

Associate Minister

**Reverend G. Charles Kendall**

Associate Minister

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**

Associate Minister

**Dr. James H. Seay**

Director of Music

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**

Pastor Emeritus

**Bishop David W. Graves**

Bishop Alabama-West Florida Conference

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**

Organist/Assistant Director of Music

**Reverend Allen Newton**

District Superintendent  
Montgomery-Prattville District

**Wednesday Chapel Service and Holy Communion | December 11**

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble | 5:30 p.m. | Duffey Chapel

*If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact [pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org).*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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**Prelude** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211* D. Buxtehude

**Welcome and Parish Notices** Rev. Jay D. Cooper

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Introit** *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* arr. Lester Siegel

**\*Processional Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Lucas. S. Tribble  
Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
**People: The Lord alone does wondrous things.**  
Leader: Blessed be God's glorious name forever;  
**People: May God's glory fill the whole earth!**

**\*Invocation**  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
**All: God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism** Edward Taylor Williams  
Son of Taylor and Elizabeth Williams

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** (8:45) **The Johnston Family**  
Bryan, Tori, Banks, and Reid  
(11:00) **The Britt Family**  
Wesley, Katie, Bennett, and Ridgeway

**Response** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Refrain  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*  
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**Concerns of a Caring Fellowship** Dr. C. Jason Borders

**Invitation to Communion**  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon**  
**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us, for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**All pray in silence.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
Now as forgiven people, let us stand and offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

**Offertory** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Dan Forrest  
Cathedral Choir  
*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!*

**\*Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology** VENI EMMANUEL  
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Children's Minute** Rev. Gillian L. Walters  
Throughout the month of December, there will be no Children's Church following the Children's Minute. All children are encouraged to participate in the services with their families.

**\*Scripture Lesson** Matthew 3:1-12  
pg. 2, New Testament

**Sermon** *Turn and Tell* Rev. Jay D. Cooper

**Procession of the Elements**

**The Great Thanksgiving** UMH 24

**Music During Holy Communion** *Comfort Ye and Every Valley from MESSIAH* G.F. Handel  
James Seay, Tenor  
*In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH 229  
*What Child Is This* UMH 219  
**Organ Meditation**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**  
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

**\*Hymn of Invitation** *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* UMH 718

**\*Benediction** Rev. Ben A. McDavid

**\*Benediction Response** *Be Near Me, Lord Jesus* arr. Lester Siegel

**\*Postlude** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* J.S. Bach

*After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee and the Flower Guild for the month of December.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Edward Taylor Williams by Anne and Hal Bloom, Jr.

The wreath on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe F. Lassiter III by Clare and Bill Ward, Christine Lassiter, Emily Lassiter (Mary Jane and Camille), and Nancy and David Belser.