

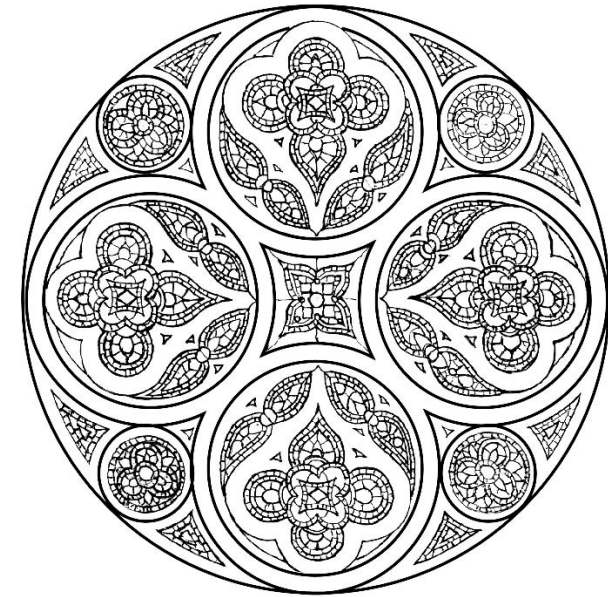


We are delighted you are here!

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.

LITURGICAL SEASON: CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season lasts twelve days and the liturgical color is white. The day after the Christmas season is January 6, which is Epiphany. Epiphany is the traditional day the church celebrates the arrival of the wise men at the manger.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

DECEMBER 29, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

*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 R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Prattville District

IN MEMORY OF

Eileene Dempsey Griffith
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tiller, Debbie Johnson*

Lendon Oliver "Skip" Skipworth
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Ira Betts*

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Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schwartz*

Shirley Patterson Sahlie
Joseph Ministry: *The Sahlie Family*

Anne Ruzic Ayers
Joseph Ministry: *The Sahlie Family*

IN HONOR OF

Ginny Cumbus
Respite Ministry: *Susan G. Liebl*

Mr. and Mrs. George Kenton
Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land*

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Dr. and Mrs. John Bloch
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Ruth Dahlene
Honor Fund: *Julia Prescott*

Gretchen Boyd
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No Wednesday Night Chapel and Holy Communion | January 1

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Prelude *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* Christopher Uehlein

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit *Unto Us a Boy Is Born* TRADITIONAL

***Processional Hymn** *Joy to the World* 246

***Call to Worship** Lauren Cowan, Children's and Archives Intern
Leader: Christ is born!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: Jesus is among us!
People: Alleluia!
Leader: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!
People: Christ is born!

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts and minds, O God, to your Word, present now and always for the sake of your holy name. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** 881
The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Act of Praise *Meditation on "In The Bleak Midwinter"* arr. Gustav Holst/Caleb Hart
Caleb Hart, Piano

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Ben A. McDavid

***Preparation for Prayer** *As We Turn Our Hearts to You* arr. Richard Summers
Cathedral Choir

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ben A. McDavid
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. For ever. Amen.

Offertory *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Mack Wilberg
Cathedral Choir
Infant Holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.

***Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology 95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Children's Minute Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
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.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Angels We Have Heard on High* 238

***Gospel Lesson** John 1:1-18
pg. 86, New Testament

Sermon *Reveal and Rejoice* Rev. Gillian L. Walters

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** *The First Noel* 245

***Benediction** Lauren Cowan, Children's and Archives Intern

***Benediction Response** *Amen* arr. Hal Hopson

***Postlude** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Christopher Uehlein

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 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.