



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

**DECEMBER 13, 2020
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE**

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

Dr. Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Parish Notices

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

My Spirit Rejoices

arr. Karle Erickson

*Processional Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

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1. Elizabeth Albrecht, Soloist
*Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle
shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger
for his bed: Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ her little child.*

3. *And through all his wondrous childhood He
would honour and obey, Love, and watch the lowly
maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay; Christian
children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.*

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

2. *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, and
mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

4. *For he 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.*

6. *Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen
standing by, we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high; when like stars his
children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Be entirely sanctified by the God of peace;

People: **May we be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The one who calls you is faithful,

People: **For God will entirely sanctify us.**

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **Merciful God of peace, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope.
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, that we may be sent to proclaim the Gospel in
all the world. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Warnke Family
Adam, Melissa, Ella, and Mary Wynn

Response

Angels We Have Heard on High
Gloria, in excelsis deo! Gloria, in excelsis deo!

Refrain

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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, forever. Amen.

Offertory

See Amid the Winter Snow
Cathedral Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who throned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim. Say, ye holy shepherds, say what your joyful news today; wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? "As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels singing peace on earth told us of the Saviour's birth". Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By Thy Face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble Thee, In Thy Sweet humility!

Doxology*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow****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**Dr. C. Jason Borders**

Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 114 of the Children's Building.

Scripture Lesson**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11****Sermon****Down to Earth: Sending Us****Dr. Jay D. Cooper****Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble, ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

Hymn of Invitation*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing****240**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King.

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of the virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings; Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

Benediction*Rev. Ben A. McDavid*****Benediction Response****Be Near Me Lord Jesus**

arr. Lester Seigel

Postlude**In dulci júbilo, BWV 729****J.S. Bach**

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.

LITURGICAL SEASON: ADVENT

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the church year for Christians. The liturgical color during Advent is purple.

IN MEMORY OF

William “Bill” Hicks Sistrunk

Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wells*

Patricia Laird Hitchcock

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Foster*; Music Ministry: *Linda McIntyre*

Jan Mock Gill

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Susan Crow Bagwell

Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sternberg*

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Gillian Walters

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Laura Selby and Daphne Johnston

Respite Ministry: *Lyl Parker*

Tammy Holcomb

Honor Gift: *Kate Blanton*

Katie Bradshaw

IMPACT: *Ham Wilson*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISM

Sidney Duffner Mauldin

December 6, 2020

Son of Jacob and Sady Mauldin

IN MEMORIAM

Jackson S. Riley, Jr.

November 24, 2020

Larry Dean Dixon

December 4, 2020

SYMPATHY

To Allen and Ann Edwards and
their family upon the death of
Allen’s mother,
Guinn Rountree Edwards