



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

DECEMBER 27, 2020
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

*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

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
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Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop Alabama-West Florida
Conference

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. Jeff L. Wilson
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Opelika and
Montgomery-Prattville Districts

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

- Prelude** *In dulci jubilo* Marcel Dupré
- Welcome and Parish Notices** Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
- Chiming of the Trinity**
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Introit** *Unto Us a Baby Is Born* arr. Hal Hopson
- *Processional Hymn** *Joy to the World* 246
1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*
2. *Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
3. *No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*
4. *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.*
- *Call to Worship** Rev. Gillian L. Walters
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** *The Apostles' Creed* 881
- 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** *The Wexford Carol* arr. Richard Walters
Mabs Seay, Mezzo-Soprano
- Concerns of a Caring Fellowship** Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

Offertory

Gesu Bambino
James Seay, Tenor

arr. Pietro Yon

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Children's Minute

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

At 8:45 only, 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.

*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

Sermon

We Have Seen the Glory

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

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

Away in a Manger

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*1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

*Benediction

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

*Benediction Response

Be Near Me Lord Jesus

arr. Lester Seigel

Postlude

Noel Suisse, Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis Claude D'aquin

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.

A nursery is provided during this service of worship for your convenience. The nursery can be found in Wesley Hall, accessed through the double doors on the pulpit side.

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.

**IN MEMORY OF
Larry Dean Dixon**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. Willie D. Peak, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Allen, Mrs. Anne King, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne P. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ialacci, Dr. and Mrs. John Lightfoot, Steven Dunton, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Yohn, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garner, Dr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackmon, Dr. Jack P. Evans, A.F. Toole, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Seibels, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. William Hill, II, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rawlings*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKee, Ann S. Bedsole, Gayle Page*

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Respite Ministry: *Gayle Page*

Lewis Jeffery Stabler

Respite Ministry: *Gayle Page, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Payne, III*

Thomas Winfrey Oliver, V

Memorial Fund: *Lynn Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis*

IN HONOR OF

Cyndi and Larry Carter

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmichael*

Pete and Liz Land

Respite Ministry: *Gayle Page*

Hattie Bo and Frank Johnston

Respite Ministry: *Winnie and Charles Stakely*

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Holcomb

Honor Gift: *Dr. E. Ann Mountcastle & Mr. H. Ben Coker, III*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

WEDDING

Virginia Birdsong and Vinson Rutledge
December 19, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Houston Wayne Gill
December 18, 2020

SYMPATHY

To John and Jenny Hagood and their family upon the death of John's father, *John Thomas Hagood*; to Susan and Gary Scott and their family upon the death of Susan's father, *Forrest Wilson Campbell, Sr.*; and to Mike and Rhonda Bentley and their family upon the death of Mike's mother, *Ruth Deason*.