



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 2021  
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**  
Minister of Congregational Care

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
Theologian in Residence

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
Director of Music

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

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Bishop R. Lawson Bryan**  
Bishop in Residence

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
Alabama-West Florida Conference  
Presiding Bishop

**Dr. C. Mike Pearson**  
District Superintendent  
Demopolis/Montgomery-Prattville  
Districts

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

*a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Mrs. Sara Ann Turner, Organist  
Composed by C. Uehlein

Words of Welcome 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 Child Born* Cathedral Choir

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

\*Call to Worship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Emmanuel has come!  
People: **Praise the Lord!**  
Leader: Our long awaited Savior is here.  
People: **Hallelujah! Merry Christmas!**

\*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.  
All: **O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 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 *UMH 70*  
*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.*

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) *Eloïse Gibson Claire Plouvier*  
Daughter of Romain and Mibbie Plouvier

Celebration of New Members (11:00)

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Dr. Karl K. Stegall

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.

Offertory

*The Work of Christmas*  
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Dr. James H. Seay, Tenor

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

**\*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!*

UMH 94

**Children's Minute**

**Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

*Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children may be picked up at the close of worship in Room 101 in Wesley Hall.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Away in a Manger*

UMH 217

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Luke 2:41-52

NT 55

**Sermon**

*The Story Continues*

**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**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

**\*Benediction**

**Rev. Gillian L. Walters**

**\*Benediction Response**

*Be Near Me Lord Jesus*  
Arranged by Lester Seigel

**Cathedral Choir**

**\*Postlude**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Composed by C. Uehlein

**Mrs. Sara Ann Turner, Organist**

*\*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.*

*The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Eloïse Gibson Claire Plouvier by her grandparents, Johnny and Gini Majors.*

*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.

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### IN MEMORY OF

#### **Margaret Van Valkenburgh "Mergie" Moody**

Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Michael P. Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Laura Sullivan*  
Memorial Fund: *The Book Club*

#### **Joel McDavid**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore*  
Stephen Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reese*

#### **Jimmy Mathis**

Respite Ministry: *Ethel Boykin*  
Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Mr. Ben Coker and Dr. Ann Mountcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reese*  
Memorial Fund: *Virginia Noblin*

#### **Anne Sinkler Thompson**

Music Ministry: *Mrs. Laura Sullivan*

#### **Carl Paul Klein**

IMPACT: *Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Williams*

#### **Doris Jean Peak**

Respite Ministry: *Deborah Freeman, Ernestine M. Walker*

#### **Leslie Booth Watson**

Memorial Fund: *Jo Ann and Alice Morgan*

#### **Helen Rapp Rittenour**

Joseph Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rittenour*

### IN HONOR OF

#### **Jo McCoy**

Children's Ministry: *Leah Winston*

#### **Mr. and Mrs. John Albritton**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey*

#### **Tina Gamble**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey*

#### **Dae Miller**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey*

#### **Leita Coleman**

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey*

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### AROUND THE CONGREGATION

#### NEW MEMBERS

#### **Jan and Steve Mashburn**

*December 19, 2021*

The Mashburns come to us from Covenant United Methodist Church in Dothan, AL.  
They are both retired.

#### SYMPATHY

To Elizabeth Crum and Harriet Johnson and their families upon the death of their mother, *Josephine Crenshaw*;  
and to Susan Jemison and her family upon the death of her father, *Wiley Watts Stanford*.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Alice Waits**  
*December 9, 2021*

**Charles Ray McDonald**  
*December 12, 2021*

**Frances S. Durr**  
*December 17, 2021*