

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: December 15, 2024

Call to Worship

Greensleeves - Richard Purvis

Welcome

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***Hymn # 202**

"People Look East"

Responsive Scripture Reading/Candle Lighting JOY (Luke 1:46 – 55)

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Carlos Ramirez

Leader: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

**All: Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**All: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**

Leader: He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

**All: according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

Children's Choir (8:30) Light of the World - Cash and Bergthold
(11:00) Room in My Heart - Burrows

3rd-5th grade
PK-2nd grade

Children's Message

"O Come, All Ye Faithful," vs. 1

Rebekah Small

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Carlos Ramirez

Congregational Care Minister (CCM) Commissioning

Stephanie Miller & Rockford Johnson

Joyce Anderson
Dorothy Belknap
Polly Christian
Judy Day
David DeSelms
Eileen Fox/Biswell

Dixie Hammett
Libby Hatter
John Herrman
Carl Jensen
Allen Knehans
Debbie McConnell

Ed Nanni
Terri Paden
J.W. Richter
Eric Scroggins
Libby Waldenville

*Hymn # 219

"What Child is This?"

*Call for the Offering

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem (8:30) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - Nancy Walters
(11:00) Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain - Carolyn Jennings

Joseph Mathew, soloist
Chancel Choir

*Doxology # 94

**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!**

Sermon

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years: Easter Lift in the Christmas Gift
Romans 1:1-4

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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*Hymn # 220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Recognition of New Members

**We welcome you to McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church and with you we renew our vows
to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

*Sending Forth

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*Benediction # 220

"Angels From the Realms of Glory," (refrain)
**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella - arr. Keith Chapman

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs
Kayley Williamson, Director of Children's Choirs and Modern Worship
Rebekah Small, Director of Middle School Ministries

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