



Resuming next Sunday, January 7: Fellowship & Sunday school

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Sunday school for all ages will be held from 11:15 am – 12 pm. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)	ADULT CLASSES (sanctuary & downstairs)
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11	Jesus and John Wayne: Sanctuary
Grades 3 – 6: Room 3	Be Still and Know: Room 7 (downstairs)
High school & College: Room 5	Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (JAN 7) AT FMC:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson and Marcia E Nelson

Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg

Candle Lighters: The Needham family

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Advent Music: Danielle Beard & Mary Krick (flutes)

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Embodied Scripture (Luke 2:22-40): Rebecca Bare, Cindy Breeze, Chuck Gibson & Pastor Deb

Meditation & Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Chuck Gibson & Phil Martens

Audio: Randy Nelson

Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken

Worship Nursery: Donna Evans & Mary Hines

Stewards: Mark Evans & Greg Sancken

Worship begins at 9:15am, followed by refreshments and Sunday school

Epiphany

Greeters: Sam Cox & Cathy Schneider

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Candle Lighters: The Peña Martin family

Song Leader: Rafael Luquis

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Special Music: Cheryl Koranda & Rebecca Bare

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Embodied Scripture (Matthew 2:1-12): Rebecca Bare

Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Bob King

Sunday school Nursery: Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu

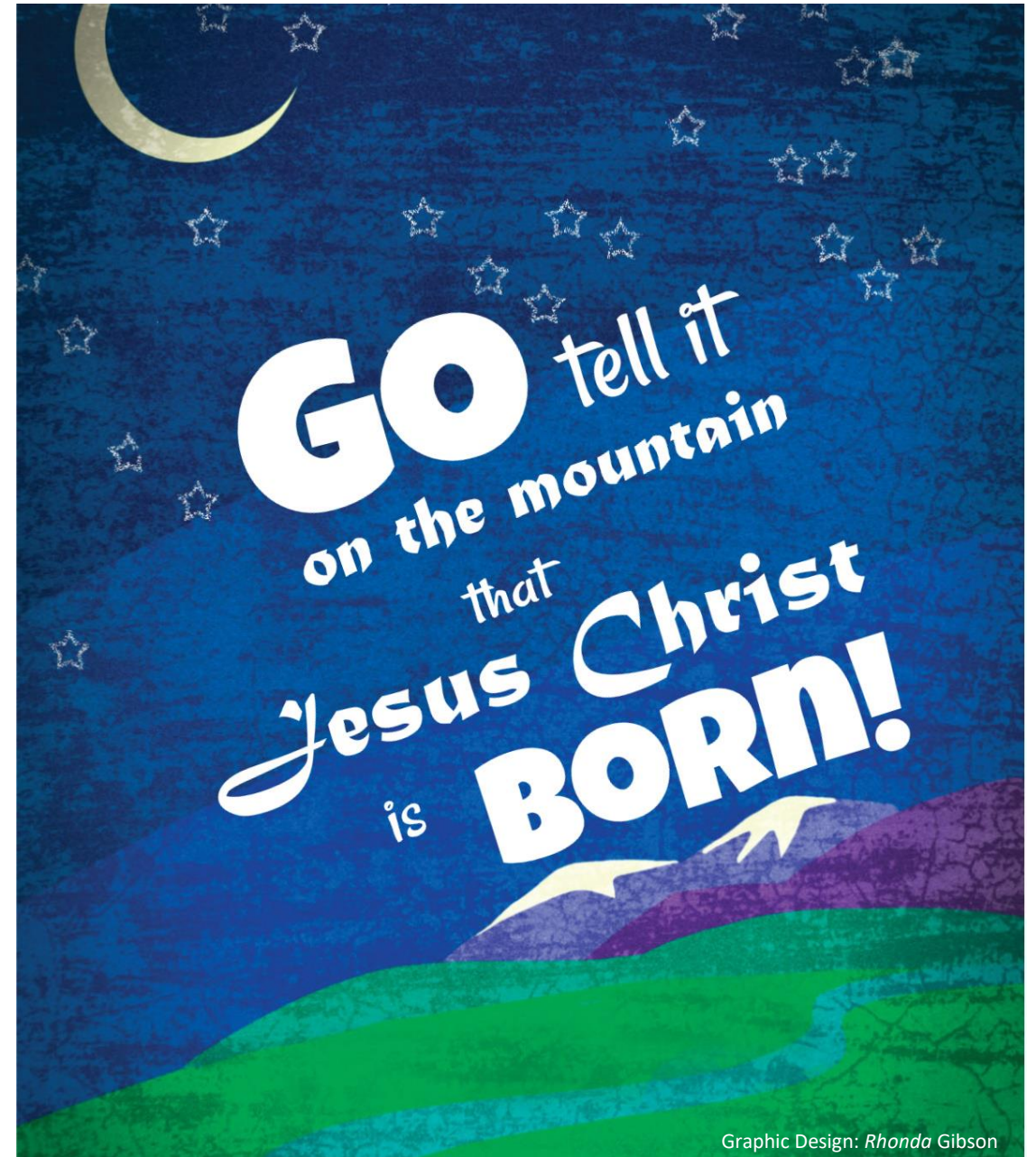
Stewards: Mark Evans & Greg Sancken

Refreshment Servers: Tammie Bouseman & Sarah Little



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Celebration of Worship

December 31, 2023



Christmas Sunday

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Call to worship

Leader: Christmas Day has come and gone, yet our celebration and thanksgiving continue.

People: We still sing of the baby, the shepherds, of Mary and Joseph.

Leader: We hear music of joy and love and hear tales of Simeon and Anna.

People: Once we were people walking in darkness.

Leader: But now we are people walking in light.

People: Emmanuel – God with us!

ALL: Glory to God in the highest!

*Gathering Hymns #241

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#247

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Welcome & prayer

Lighting Advent candles

Leader: Together we rejoice!

People: Our waiting is over!

Leader: We’ve seen the One, the light to all peoples, who grew in strength and is filled with wisdom. The favor of God is upon him! Go! Rejoice! God is here!

Candle lighting hymn #261

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Children’s story and offering for Hungry World Farm (www.hungryworldfarm.com)

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Embodied scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Special music

Meditation

*Response Hymns #267/#268 “What Child is This/Helpless and Hungry”

Offering prayer (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by*)

Offertory

Congregational sharing and prayer (*use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Deb*)

Sabbatical Blessing for Pastor Deb

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Hymn #240 “Joy to the World”

*Sung Benediction: Hymn #833 “Sálvanos, Señor” (*all verses, but sending refrain only*)

**Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

The offertory is Coventry Carol “Lullay”, arranged by Charles Lindberg. Played in recognition of children around the world who live and die in violent conflicts.

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God’s love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.