





## FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

~ I Corinthians 3:11

PRELUDE....."" .....

WELCOME

\*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT  
(See center panel)

\*HYMN ..... "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" ..... No. 218  
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*PRAISE CHORUS ..... "Star-Child" ..... No. 2095  
(Words will be projected on the screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

\*PRAYER HYMN ..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... No. 230

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY....."" .....

\*OFFERING RESPONSE..... "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" ..... No. 2100 (vs 4)  
(Words will be projected on the screen)

\*OFFERING PRAYER

ANTHEM..... "The Story Begins" ..... Sounds of Worship  
by Brad Printz

\*THE GOSPEL..... Luke 1:26-38 (CEB)

SERMON ..... " Rejoice" ..... Pastor Keller  
Fourth in the Series: "Christmas Unwrapped"

\*HYMN..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ..... No. 234

\*BENEDICTION

\*PASSING THE PEACE

POSTLUDE....."" .....

*\*Please stand as able.*

\*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT (Responsively)

**All [sung]: "O come, Desire of nations  
bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife."**

No. 211 (verse 7)

Leader: "Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God, for God has looked with favor on us, God's servants."

**People: "God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty."**

Leader: God of Justice, God of Peace, we open our hearts to you. Give us grace to be instruments of your righteousness.

**People: Give us courage to turn away from distractions and distortions and turn toward the home you have made, are making, and will complete through Christ.**

**All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God."**

(Isaiah 61:10, NRSV)

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the morning of Christmas Eve, we light this candle, turning with courage toward the One who makes a home among us.

*Light all four Advent candles*

**All [sung]: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

### ☪ Children's Sunday School ☪

- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children's Department. Check in with the greeter who will guide you to your child's room.

### ☪ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☪

Middle School: B003  
High School: Youth Lounge  
UMHC Students: B005

### ☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

**Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.**

- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (B001A, off Youth Lounge) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.



## CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

*"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."*

WELCOME

\*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT  
(See center panel)

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*PRAISE AND WORSHIP "Jesus Messiah"  
"Adore Him"  
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

PRAYER

\*PRAYER HYMN ..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... No. 230

OFFERING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ..... Sanctuary Choir

"With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting"  
Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

\*THE GOSPEL..... Luke 1:26-38 (CEB)

SERMON ..... " Rejoice" ..... Pastor Keller  
Fourth in the Series: "Christmas Unwrapped"

\*CLOSING SONG "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

\*BLESSING

\*PASSING THE PEACE

*\*As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*

- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. In a 6 week DVD series, Kyle Idleman will help us to prepare for Christmas in a study called "The Christmas Experience". Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Find yourself in one of these characters, and learn what happened then, changes everything now.
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying the book of Malachi.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

*For information on adult Bible studies held during the week and other small-group opportunities contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).*