**Morning Worship**

December 10, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Nancy Carleton *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. John Woodrow

Invocation Rev Woodrow

Lighting the Advent Wreath Family of Layla Daniels

 *Candle of Love*

Celebrations and Concerns Rev. Woodrow

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Nancy Carleton

† Doxology Hymnal, 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**The Glory of Christmas**

**By Lloyd Larson**

***Introduction***

***The Glory of Christmas***

*Congregation is asked to join the choir in singing. . .*

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,

And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Narration 1:** The **Hope** of Christmas

***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning***

**Narration 2:** The **Promise** of christmas

***Prepare the Way of the Lord!***

**Narration 3:** The **Wonder** of Christmas

***Child of Promise, Child of Love***

**Narration 4:** the **Majesty** of Christmas

***Jesus Is Born Tonight!***

*Congregation is asked to join the choir in singing. . .*

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th’angelic host proclaim,

“Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.

Mild he lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**Narration 5:** The **Mystery** of Christmas

***Christ Is Born This Holy Night***

**Narration 6:** The **Brilliance** of Christmas

***Guide Us to the Perfect Light***

**Narration 7:** The **Glory** of Christmas

***The Glory of Christmas!***

*Congregation is asked to join the choir in singing. . .*

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

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!

Sing, Choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

O sing, all ye citizens of Heav’n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**SENDING FORTH**

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth *Postlude* Nancy Carleton

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† *Standing as able Please silence or turn off your cell phones.*

***Chancel Choir and Friends***

***Soprano***

*Anna Claire Bradley Nina Lazenby*

*Melody Bradley Emilie Martin*

*Sherry Daniels Stacey McKenzie*

 *Carole Dean Diane Watson*

*Belinda Dorrance Joy Whetstone*

*Elise Wiggins*

***Alto***

*Lindsey Coxwell Laura King*

*Susannah Dorrance Sammye Long*

*Barb Heinzen Caroline Sonen*

*Kathy Johnson Fredia Tatum*

*Rosemary Johnston Haden Tirey*

 *Melanie Woodrow*

***Tenor***

*Al Brewton Shannon McKenzie*

*Rev. John Woodrow*

***Bass***

***D****anny Brittingham Hub Broughton*

*Mike Stoops*

***Narrator***

*Mark Johnson*

The Cantata today is given to the glory of God

in memory of Janice A. Kane and in honor of Jim Kane

with thanks for his support of the Chancel Choir.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Pray for one another that you may be healed . . . James 5:16

NEW THIS WEEK

FROM OUR CHURCH Cecelia Ingram Mary Ann Brown Norma James

 Jim Kane *Carter English*  Roy & Jeannette Adams Sue Sellers

GLOBAL CONCERNS

FRIENDS & FAMILY MEMBERS *Neil Dobson*  *Mike Edwards Sherry Knighten* Kaitlin Tillman Meda & Larry Keefer Jack Adams Anne Pickens Shari Bryan Valerie Stevens Martha Jordan Sandy Downing

Katherine Gantt (Debra Morgan’s Mother) Evalen Thomas

**Please note our prayer request policy:**

We cannot publish a prayer request if the person making the request has not signed the attendance form on which it is submitted.

Prayer requests will be published for 3 months unless requested otherwise.

Names in italics indicate long term needs.

It is not the intention of the staff to remove any who remain in particular need of prayer. If this occurs, please let us know so that it can be corrected.

You may add or remove names from the prayer list at any time by using the Prayer Concerns cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate or by calling the church office.

**Opportunities for the Week**

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

 9:00 am Sunday School

10:05 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

 11:00 am Church after Church (Norman Barnett Hall)

 5:00 pm Pastor John’s Bible Study (Alice Lee Room)

 5:00 pm Youth/Children (Norman Barnett Hall)

Monday, December 11

 1:00 pm Sewing Group (Norman Barnett Hall)

 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Room 404)

Tuesday, December 12

 10 am – 12:30 pm HIPPY (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday December 13

 6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast (Norman Barnett Hall)

9:00 am Wednesday Men (Norman Barnett Hall)

 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (Norman Barnett Hall)

 4:15 pm Youth Bible Study (Norman Barnett Hall)

 4:30 pm Chancel Bells (Bell Room)

 5:15 pm Women’s Bible Study (Norman Barnett Hall)

Thursday, December 14

 5:00 – 7:00 pm Alabama Mentors (Norman Barnett Hall)

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

 9:00 am Sunday School

10:05 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

 11:00 am Church after Church (Norman Barnett Hall)

 5:00 pm Youth/Children (Norman Barnett Hall)

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Kay Dobson Carole Dean Kay English

Sammie Carter Max Carter

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Announcements

***A Heartfelt Thank-You from the Children*** for your generous gifts to the White Christmas Offering last Sunday which totaled $3,973.00. Donations will still be received through the rest of December.

***Church after Church:*** Please for *Church After* *Church* in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Children’s Worship:*** 3, 4, & 5 year olds are invited to leave after the Children’s Sermon for a special Worship time.

***Prayer Request Cards*** are located in the Narthex and on the table by the elevator

***Missions Committee to Host Bake Sale today during Church After Church. This will benefit the Children’s Home.***

***Pastor John’s Bible Study*** will meet this evening for the last time this year. This Bible Study will resume on January 7th.

***UMYF Monroeville Merri Mail Christmas Card drop-off and pick up*** is ready to go for folks we see at First UMC. Donations to this project support Youth Ministries.

***December 28th*** is the last day for deposits to post to 2023. Please be sure to get end of year giving in no later than Noon on the 28th.

***Honey Baked Hams:*** Youth are still taking orders. Delivery date will be December 20th.

**Continuing through Advent**

December 17 **Third** Sunday of Advent **Poinsettia Sunday**

**Ornaments presented to babies born this year**

December 24 **Fourth** Sunday of Advent **Christmas Eve**

 **Morning Worship at 10:05**

**4:30** pm **Chancel Bells Chistmas Program**

 **5:00** and **7:00** pm **Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Services**

December 31 **First Sunday After Christmas**

**December Giving Received:** $ 10,878.00

**December Giving Needed:**

 $ 39,688.00

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**YTD Giving Received:**

 $ 348,217.50

**YTD Giving Needed:**

 $ 476,256.00

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO A PORTRAIT DEDICATION

HONORING

Dr. Jack Whetstone

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:00 pm

Monroe County Hospital

2016 S. Alabama Avenue

Monroeville, AL 36460

First United Methodist Church

324 Pineville Road

Monroeville, Alabama 36460

251-575-2790



**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Woodrow

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Director: Christi Dunn

Nursery Attendants: Letitia Gibbs & Rosie Parker

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