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December 24, 2019

PRELUDE Greensleeves (Richard Purvis)

Ty Woodward, Organ

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH MUSIC OFFERING

Jamie Jones, Director

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

RESPONSIVE READING

Julia Wallace

Do not be afraid; for see - I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.

To you is born this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest.

And peace to all who find rest in Him.

HYMN #246 United Methodist Hymnal — Joy to the World

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ben, Lauren, Amelia Trammell
Tom, Laurie, and Nick Charchut

Congregation joins in the prayer after lighting:

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star that guided shepherds and wise men to the holy baby. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we may also follow you to new life in him. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jamie Jones & Dominic Rold

RECEIVING OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Nathan Oney

We thank you for your generous support for the mission and ministries of the congregation. You will find an envelope in the pew rack for your Christmas Offering. The offering plates will be passed to gather our gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC." You will find church brochures at the Welcome Table as you leave the service. You may give online or find out more information at santamonicaumc.org.

OFFERTORY Good King Wenceslaus (Robert MacDonald)

Ty Woodward

The Christmas Pageant

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Terri-Rae Elmer

#217 UMH – Away in a Manger (verses 1-2)

THE STORY FROM LUKE

Wendy and Calvin Stanfill

#217 UMH – Away in a Manger (verse 3)

As we sing, the Holy Family will make their way toward the steps at the front of the Church.

ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE STORY FROM LUKE

Lincoln and Amelie Hughes

#238 UMH – Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1-2)

As we sing, all angels are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

ENTRANCE OF THE ANGELS

#238 UMH – Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 3-4)

As we sing, all angels may return to their seats.

THE STORY FROM LUKE

Gavin & Quinlyn Kirtley

#251 UMH – Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verse 1-2)

As we sing, all shepherds and sheep are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

ENTRANCE OF THE SHEPHERDS & SHEEP

#251 UMH – Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verse 3)

As we sing, all shepherds and sheep may return to their seats.

THE STORY FROM MATTHEW

Kate and Josephine Beckerman

#254 UMH – We Three Kings (verse 1)

As we sing, all Magi are invited to come and sit on the steps at the front of the Church.

ENTRANCE OF THE MAGI

#254 UMH – We Three Kings (verse 5)

As we sing, all Magi may return to their seats.

THE ENTRANCE OF YOU & ME

Terri-Rae Elmer

*CLOSING HYMN: #239 UMH – Silent Night, Holy Night

As we sing, all are invited to come and visit the Holy Family and are invited to go in peace.

Please return your costumes to the table in front of the church entrance as you leave.

Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries: Tricia Guerrero
Pastoral Associate: Nathan Oney
Senior Minister: Rev. Patricia Farris
First UMC Preschool Director: Dee Menzies
First UMC Preschool Assistant to the Director: Dane Rold
Children and Youth Ministry Intern: Jamie Jones
Organist: Ty Woodward
Holy Family: Melissa and Doug Hovey, Sonia & Stella
A/V Engineer: Robert Hedges
Head Usher: Andy Goebel

Welcome! We count it a privilege and a blessing to worship with you on this joyous Christmas Eve, and invite you to join us for the Candlelight Service this evening at 11 p.m. If you come as a guest, we hope you will leave as a friend.

Sunday worship service is at 10 a.m. with a nursery for babies and toddlers, and Sunday School classes for 3 year-olds through 5th grade. The youth program is Sunday evenings from 6 - 8:30 p.m. We also offer *Messy Church*, a family worship service held monthly on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

If there are Prayer Quilts on the north wall of the sanctuary, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilts.

We express our appreciation to Mike Eskridge and the Seasonal Displays Committee for the special floral arrangements and greens that beautify the Sanctuary. If you dedicated poinsettias, you may take them home tonight after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT FIRST UMC



Welcome to First UMC! We believe that children's faith is vital to their formation and to the life of the church family. Come explore the many opportunities for your child's spiritual formation, including Sunday School, Children's Church, Faith in Action, Messy Church, and more!

SUNDAYS FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Nursery Care – 9:30 a.m., Room 204

Nursery Care is available on Sunday mornings in Room 204 of the Educational Building for children between the ages of 6 months and 2 years.

Kids Zone

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Sunday School – 10 a.m. Sanctuary & Education Bldg

Following the Passing of Peace in worship, children and parents are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a short children's message. Then, the children are guided to Sunday School in the Education Building for fun, age-appropriate Bible story curriculum. After service, parents may pick up children on the second floor of the Education Bld.

Children's Church

is a space for children to learn about God and God's loving activity in the world through singing and movement, as they learn basic choral fundamentals for singing as a choir. The children practice monthly during Sunday School in preparation for special Sundays such as Children's Sabbath, Christmas Eve and other events.



Faith in Action

Faith is more than a belief, it is an action. Once a month, all Sunday School children gather together as one class for a hands-on service project. Projects vary from crafty outreach such as making Christmas Cards for shut-ins, to community-focused projects such as gathering and donating school supplies for local students. This is an opportunity for children to reach out into their community and their world with grace and love.

www.santamonicaumc.org/faith-in-action

Family Sundays

Children remain with their families for congregational worship. Family Sundays usually occur around major holidays, such as Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving.

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Children's Sabbath is a day when the children of First UMC lead the rest of the church family in worship.

Vacation Bible School: VBS takes place each summer for one week. It is a week filled with Bible stories, educational activities, fun and fellowship for children through 5th grade.

Parents Date Night / Kids Fun Night: While parents enjoy an evening out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner and a movie with our trained childcare team. *Next Date Night: February 14*

Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt: Every Palm Sunday after worship First UMC holds a church-wide Easter egg hunt and family brunch with the Easter Bunny and kids activities. You won't want to miss this favorite family event!
(April 5, 2020)

Youth/Scout Sunday: The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons they have written. This day also celebrates the Scouting Ministries (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their long-standing traditions of service to the community while transforming the lives of the youths.
Sunday, January 26, Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m., followed by a Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Simkins Hall

First UMC Preschool: Our full-day Preschool provides an enrichment program with low teacher/child ratios. First UMC Preschool is more than a school. It is a community of parents, teachers and staff to whom the children's health, safety and well-being are the highest priority. Each week in Chapel the children are taught songs, stories, and prayers appropriate for their age, led by Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries, and Nathan Oney, Pastoral Associate.



FOR MORE INFO... For questions or more information about any of these programs, contact:



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Messy Church is a great opportunity for families to be together in worship without the worry of being too silly or “messy” because, let’s face it, life can be messy! At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God’s love. Then, together we enjoy a shared meal. Children and adults of all ages are welcome so invite the

grandparents, your neighbors and school friends to this new church community. Be ready to get messy!

Messy Church meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Chapel/Simkins Hall.

Upcoming dates: January 11 (off-site Meet-up) February 8 / March 14 / April 5 / May 9/ June 13 www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

