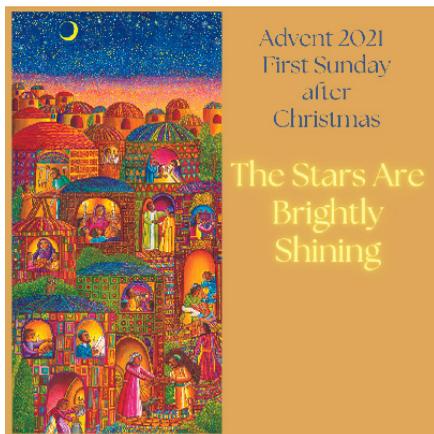


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

In-Person and Online Worship • First Sunday after Christmas • December 26, 2021



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WE GATHER

WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Tricia Guerrero

**Loving God, we rejoice in your steadfast presence in our lives, and in the gift of your Son Jesus. May your light be kindled among us, leading us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.**

PRELUDE Greensleeves (arr. Richard Purvis)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamie Jones, Lay Lector

He came as a baby in a manger.

**O come let us adore him.**

He came in a lowly stable.

**O come let us adore him.**

Shepherds brought their worship.

**O come let us adore him.**

Angels sang his praise.

**O come let us adore him.**

Magi brought their gifts.

**O come let us adore him.**

What shall we do?

**O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

# Service of Lessons & Carols

## CHORAL ACT

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us, him the Father gave us. Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

## FIRST LESSON Luke 2:8-16

Tricia Guerrero

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CAROL #240 United Methodist Hymnal – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

## SECOND LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

Gavin Eddy

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CAROL #254 UMH – We Three Kings

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Jamie Jones

*Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give online at [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give); mail your gift to the church; or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.*

## THE OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir Octet, Emma Crawford, Oboe

Still, Still, Still (arr. Robert Wetzler)

Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I'd fill. I'd sing thee a song and watch by thy manger, guard thee from harm and keep thee from danger. Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I'd fill. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'mid the oxen and the sheep. The shepherds come to see thy glory, angels bend low to tell thy story, sleep, sleep, sleep 'mid the oxen and the sheep. Still, still, still, within thy holy will. To thee, great God, my voice I'd raise, with awe and wonder sing thy praise. Still, still, still, within thy holy will.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jamie Jones

**God of grace, Child of peace, Spirit of truth, we join with all the church everywhere in the world in giving thanks for all the gifts you entrust to our care. Through our giving, we present ourselves to be useful to one another and to you, ready to “be the hope” for our weary world. Work in us now, and make us ready for the coming of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THIRD LESSON John 1:1-14

Gavin Eddy

CAROL #246 UMH – Joy to the World

## BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

POSTLUDE Good King Wenceslas (arr. Robert MacDonald)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet:

**Barbara Smith** & Janet Searfoss; **Vera Lugo** & Ruth Peeples

**Dennis Parnell** & Patty Eskridge; Richard Crawford & Michael McClish

*Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.  
You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.*

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a New Visitor Sign-In form outside the sanctuary, or online to send us your prayer requests, questions, comments, and suggestions. Go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new).

—**Flowers:** We accept donations to the Flower Fund to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service. To donate to the flower fund, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund).

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a prayer quilt during service, you may call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; she will let you know the requested prayers: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or [s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org). Prayers will be collected Tuesday – Friday of the following week, and the prayer knots will be tied by the church staff. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry).

—**Give:** Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give securely online at [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give), via mail, or onsite through the office mail slot. No gift is too small. Thank you!

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified of your request. For more info, go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests).

—**Westside Food Bank:** We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary Sunday mornings.

## STAY CONNECTED:

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** via Zoom
- **Young Adults/Open Space:** Hybrid of online and in-person meetings
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays,** Next meeting - January 5, via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids: Today:** Family Sunday, no Sunday School today.
- **Youth Ministry: Sundays, 6 p.m.** Not meeting tonight

## Sunday Social Hour: Both In Person and Online!

After Worship in the First UMC Courtyard  
AND continuing Online 11 a.m. Zoom Social Hour

**Zoom info:** <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

**Zoom ID:** **965 7839 7184 - Password: fumc**

For information on how to join any of these ongoing ministries,  
visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).

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### Alternative Christmas - Last Week to Give!

There's still time to help us share the Spirit of Christmas this year with Alternative Christmas. To all who already supported by making a donation in the name of a loved one, your gifts helped our seven chosen mission projects to continue their much-needed work during this difficult year. A big thanks to Jocelyn Hicks-Garner and the Missions Council for organizing this event, and for hosting two coffee hours with discussions about the mission projects.

Through December: [www.santamonicaumc.org/acfair](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/acfair)



### Preschool Toy Drive

The Preschool held their Annual Christmas Toy Drive to distribute to children affiliated with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club, both the main branch and the Mar Vista Gardens site. With the collective effort of several other schools, the Preschool helped to provide toys for several hundred children. Many thanks to the Preschool families for helping to make the holidays merry for many boys and girls who would otherwise would not have any gifts.



### Stewardship 2022

Thank you to all who have generously pledged for 2022. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to commit to giving in 2022, now is the time! Support from each member is needed. Every Gift Matters.

[www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship)



### Sunday Social Hour: Both In-Person and Online

Come say "Hi" and spend some time in community after worship today. Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say Hello to one another. Then at 11 a.m., we offer Zoom Coffee Hour to all who would like to participate. **Sundays at 11 a.m.**

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

Zoom ID: **965 7839 7184** Password: **fumc**

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