

## Christmastidz Sunday



THE PRELUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ~arr. John H. Schaffner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL to WORSHIP (*responsively*)

May this Christmas season find us able to say “Alleluia”  
even in the midst of pain and anxiety, because You are our hope.

**Fill our hearts with joy in knowing You came to us in Jesus!**

Let us not cherish so much successful lives, perfect health, faultless families,  
or new possessions, but embrace the inner peace that comes in knowing You.

**Let our praise rise from hearts filled with Your love!**

†CAROL of PRAISE

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*
- 2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
- 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

**O Lord, it may seem naïve, in a world of grief, to choose to live in joy.  
Others may think us foolish to sing and dance to a different tune.  
It may seem cruel, in a world of suffering and injustice, to speak of light  
and celebration. But You have come, Jesus, to bring joy into our grief,  
light into our darkness, singing into our mourning; and it is an act of healing  
and proclamation to believe and embrace the joy You offer. Joy to the world!  
The Lord is come! Praise be to You, O Lord our God! Amen!**

CHORAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*)      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*      UMH 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.***

A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT      Jeremiah 31:31-34 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY in MUSIC      *Joys Seven (English traditional carol)*      Jim Caffrey & Dave Bush

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)      ***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!***

†CAROL of INVITATION      *Love Came Down at Christmas*      UMH 242

***1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.***

***2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?***

***3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING from the GOSPELS      Luke 2:15-20 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE      **“The Day After...”**      Rev. Kevin Haley

*Worship theme: “Socks and Underwear:  
receiving what we need -vs- what we want”*

SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES

OFFERTORY

*Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep* ~Philip Moore

*Please use this time as we listen to the music to offer ourselves to the Lord...*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

UMH 94

*Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

†PRAYER of DEDICATION

†CAROL of COMMITMENT

*The First Noel*

UMH 245

- 1. The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*
- 2. They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*
- 3. And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*
- 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*
- 5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in His presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World* ~arr. John Behnke

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

# Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

## Sunday morning Worship Service Online at 10:45 via LiveStream

*(All onsite worship and activities are suspended until January 4)*

**Please continue to check our church website  
([greensburgfirst.org](http://greensburgfirst.org)) for more updates.**

### **Church office hours thru Jan. 3, 2021**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the church office will not have any regular operating hours thru Jan. 3. Please call 724-834-3111 with any questions or concerns.

**Let's be safe...**Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

**Weekday office hours cancellations...**If Greensburg Salem school district ever cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be cancelled.

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