



O Come,
Let Us
Adore Him

Christmas Eve Family Service

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December 24, 2017

PRELUDE – Noel (Richard Wagner)

Ty Woodward, Organist

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

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THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Janet Searfoss/Director, Mary Crawford/Accompanist

Light a Candle (Herb Frombach)

Emma Crawford, Flute

RESPONSIVE READING

Owen Ing

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

Jason, Jeanna, Kate and Josephine Beckerman,
and Heidi Crooks

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 also may follow you to new life in him. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR

Janet Searfoss/Jack McHugh, Directors

Make Room in Your Heart /Silent Night (Ann Barton/Connie Thomas) Emma Crawford, Flute

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Keri Olsen

RECEIVING OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Rev. Robert English

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 Noel Suisse (Louis-Claude Daquin)

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

Megan Crawford

#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

Augie Johnson

#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 to visit the Holy Family.

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 and 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 to visit the Holy Family.

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

Lincoln and Amelie Hughes

#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 to visit the Holy Family.

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.

Director of Children & Youth Ministry: Tricia Guerrero
New & Emerging Ministries: Rev. Robert English
Chaplain in Residence: Rev. Keri Olsen
Senior Minister: Rev. Patricia Farris
First UMC Preschool Director: Batsheva Spector
First UMC Preschool Assistant to the Director: Dane Rold
Children's Choir Director: Janet Searfoss
Youth Choir Director: Jack McHugh
Accompanist: Mary Crawford
Organist: Ty Woodward
Holy Family: Wes, Paula, Russel and Mia Larmore
A/V Engineer: Bob 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, Children's After School Theater (CAST) and more!

SUNDAYS FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Nursery Care – 9 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 sermon. Then, the children are guided to Sunday School in the Education Building for fun, age-appropriate Bible story curriculum. After service, parents may pick children up in their respective classrooms.

Family Sundays

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

Children's Church

On every third Sunday of the month, the children of First UMC gather for song and movement in the Chapel with the Children's Choir director, then snacks in a classroom.

Faith in Action

Faith is more than a belief, it is an action. On every 5th Sunday of the month, the youth and children of First UMC put their Faith in Action, by working together during Sunday School to perform a gracious act of service. The project rotates between service for the church family, the local community, and our global community, as they experience what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ serving in the world. *(Next Faith in Action: December 31)*



EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Children's Sabbath - (April 15, 2018) is a day when the children of First UMC lead the rest of the church family in worship.

Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt - (March 25, 2018) 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!



Children's After School Theater - Children's After School Theater (CAST), is a community program of First UMC for children in 1st through 12th grade. It fosters positive, imagination-inspired actions while building self-esteem through the arts. It explores writing, developing and producing plays and builds trust and teamwork.

Vacation Bible School - (July 30-August 3, 2018) 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. Opportunities for youth and adult volunteers are also available.

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. Visit www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool for more info.

COMING UP...

Youth/Scout Sunday

Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons that 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 28: Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall**

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 13 (off-site Meet-up) / February 10 / March 10 / April 14 / Memorial Day Weekend with Messy Church Camp

www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

