

11:00 am Worship
December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Women's Circle Report Tammy Grumm, Sandra Patterson

Prelude Chandler Ogles

Invocation Amy McBroom

Call to Worship Noel, Sing We Here Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** Go, Tell It on the Mountain Hymn #203

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see special insert)

Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed Hymn #693

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *means universal*

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne UMH #202

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Children's Moment Hillary Eckstein

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music What Can I Give Him? Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Message Protagonist
"The Wilderness and the Way" Rev. Clint McBroom
Isaiah 40:1-5

***Hymn of Invitation** What Child is This? Hymn #179(1)

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Kelley Hill

**please stand as you are able*

Sign-Ups

Name(s):

Mission House

____ Check if interested in volunteering

Items needed:

- **New or gently used toys** - for Christmas
- Blankets - All Sizes
- Jackets - All Sizes
- Men's jeans - sizes 32 & 34 waist various lengths
- Toddler clothes 1 - 5
- Elementary age children - clothes
- Men's Deodorant
- Men's Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Body Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Dishwashing Detergent
- Size 11 and 13-Men's shoes
- Can opener

You can place it in the collection bin by the coke machine or bring it to the church office.

MISSION MINISTRIES NEEDS

ACTS - has an urgent need for 2 lb. bags of cornmeal and flour. You can place it in the collection bin in the fellowship hall or bring it by the church office.

Welcome!
We're glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

Prayer Requests

Announcements

This Afternoon

3:30 pm - Child of Light Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Child of Light Drama

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Mission house opened
10:00 am - Widows/Widowers Brunch, *fellowship hall*
No Activities
Youth & Kids - check Facebook pages for schedules

Thursday, December 14

10:00 am - Widows/Widowers Brunch, *fellowship hall*
6:00 pm - Dinner for the House of Love and Mercy, *fellowship hall*
6:30 pm - Home Supper Club

YEAR END GIVING

Your December and year-end gifts are important to fuel the mission of our church! They help us close the year strong and fuel the start of the new year. Thank you for loving God and the work of our church! Go to our website FMCtallasse.com and click on the tab giving to see our safe and secure ways of giving.

- By giving donations of stocks and bonds, you can make a larger overall gift and impact on our mission and ministry.
- Year-end giving provides the opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of others, show generosity, and support t needs within our church and community.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

We'll be accepting donations for the annual White Christmas until December 17th. Embrace Alabama Kids began over 130 years ago as an orphanage. Today, it is one of the state's most comprehensive and vital resources serving babies, children, youth, teen mothers, college students, and families. Checks can be made out to FMC; "White Christmas" in the memo line

LEARNING TREE CHRISTMAS

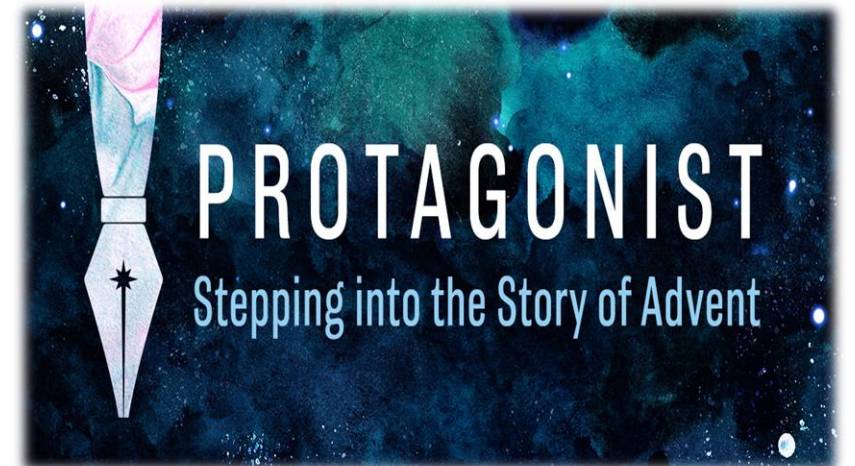
If you sponsored a Learning Tree child this Christmas, please bring your unwrapped gifts to the office no later than Sunday, December 17th.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

First Methodist now has the ability to give via Venmo. Use the QR code below.



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