

WELCOME

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(8:30) ELIZABETH PETERSON & REBECCA WATSON
(11) JACOB HABLE & FELICITY HARVARD

CANDLE RESPONSE

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
(STZS 2)

UMH 211

*OPENING HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

UMH 203

1 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED, GREAT DAVID'S GREATER SON! HAIL IN THE TIME APPOINTED, HIS REIGN ON EARTH BEGUN! HE COMES TO BREAK OPPRESSION, TO SET THE CAPTIVE FREE; TO TAKE AWAY TRANSGRESSION, AND RULE IN EQUITY.

2 HE COMES WITH SUCCOR SPEEDY TO THOSE WHO SUFFER WRONG; TO HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY, AND BID THE WEAK BE STRONG; TO GIVE THEM SONGS FOR SIGHING, THEIR DARKNESS TURN TO LIGHT, WHOSE SOULS, CONDEMNED AND DYING, ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT.

3 HE SHALL COME DOWN LIKE SHOWERS UPON THE FRUITFUL EARTH; LOVE, JOY, AND HOPE, LIKE FLOWERS, SPRING IN HIS PATH TO BIRTH. BEFORE HIM, ON THE MOUNTAINS, SHALL PEACE, THE HERALD, GO, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, IN FOUNTAINS, FROM HILL TO VALLEY FLOW.

4 TO HIM SHALL PRAYER UNCEASING AND DAILY VOWS ASCEND; HIS KINGDOM STILL INCREASING, A KINGDOM WITHOUT END. THE TIDE OF TIME SHALL NEVER HIS COVENANT REMOVE; HIS NAME SHALL STAND FOREVER; THAT NAME TO US IS LOVE.

*AFFIRMATION

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WHITNEY GATES

ANTHEM

BREATH OF HEAVEN (MARY'S SONG)
DARA PRESSLEY, SOLOIST

ARR. COURTNEY

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

UMH 209

1 BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL, WHO COMES TO SET US FREE, WHO VISITS AND REDEEMS US, AND GRANTS US LIBERTY. THE PROPHETS SPOKE OF MERCY, OF FREEDOM AND RELEASE; GOD SHALL FULFILL THE PROMISE TO BRING OUR PEOPLE PEACE.

2. NOW FROM THE HOUSE OF DAVID A CHILD OF GRACE IS GIVEN; A SAVIOR COMES AMONG US TO RAISE US UP TO HEAVEN. BEFORE HIM GOES THE HERALD, FORERUNNER IN THE WAY, THE PROPHET OF SALVATION, THE HARDINGER OF DAY.

3. ON PRISONERS OF DARKNESS THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE, THE DAWNING OF FORGIVENESS UPON THE SINNER'S EYES, TO GUIDE THE FEET OF PILGRIMS ALONG THE PATHS OF PEACE; O BLESS OUR GOD AND SAVIOR WITH SONGS THAT NEVER CEASE!

BLESSING OVER THE OFFERINGS

*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON

GIVING

Offering is an act of worship. Text **GIVEBUMC** to **877.570.3715** to give or visit our website!

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OFFERTORY

JOSEPH'S SONG
JOHNNY SMITH, SOLOIST

BY CARD

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; 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!

UMH 94

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 3:1-12

SERMON

NOT ALL ACTIONS ARE CREATED EQUAL

DR. WYBRA PRICE

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: . . . Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: . . . with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: . . . all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 881

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 and ever. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

UMH 206

1 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT.

2 I WANT TO SEE THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOD.

3 I'M LOOKING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST.

I WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS.

I WANT TO LOOK AT JESUS.

I WANT TO BE WITH JESUS.

GOD SET THE STARS TO GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD.

CLEAR SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, SHINE ON MY PATH,

WHEN WE HAVE RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE,

THE STAR OF MY LIFE IS JESUS.

AND SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE FATHER.

WE SHALL KNOW THE JOY OF JESUS.

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST GIFTS – PRACTICING GIVING TO HONOR THE CHILD

It has been a tradition at Broadmoor United Methodist of giving the first gift of the season to the Christ Child for the work of the church. This holy practice points back to the manger giving shelter, the star giving guidance, the shepherds giving context, and the wisemen giving honor to the Child who gives hope. Your extra financial gift at this time of the year speaks to how special Christ's witness is in your life. Write First Gifts on the memo line of your check or go online to BroadmoorUMC.org and follow the giving prompt. Thanks for your generous FIRST GIFT giving priority to honoring the Holy Child and continuing the ministry of our church.

PACK THE SLEIGH CHRISTMAS EVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 5PM

Join us as we pack Santa's sleigh with donations for Common Ground's Christmas Marketplace. This church-wide event is for people of all ages as we will have live music, Christmas movie trivia, gingerbread house competition, cupcake decorating, and a visit from Santa Claus. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up through the office or on your connect card by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

LifeShare Blood Drive SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH 8AM TO NOON IN PEARCE HALL

You can sign up on your connect card or by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org or by using the link <https://forms.gle/pBj3jH3Da6m8QNNu9>

Angel Tree Update

THANK YOU! Because of your generosity all angels have been taken and our Amazon Wish List has been fulfilled. Please remember angel tree gifts are due back to the church by Dec. 4th.

DECEMBER MISSIONAL FOCUS

Give our friends from Cedar Grove the opportunity to shop and buy presents for their families at affordable prices by donating to Common Ground's Christmas Marketplace. A list of ideas can be found at our mission display or in The Messenger. Suggested donations shouldn't be over \$35 and must be new. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Rev. Sarah Shoup; sarah@commongroundshreveport.com or calling (337) 842-1241



Holiday Services

Blue Christmas

The Chapel | Dec. 20th | 6 PM

Christmas Eve

The River | Contemporary Service | 3 PM

The Sanctuary | Traditional Services | 5 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day

The River | Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM

New Year's Day

The Sanctuary | Traditional Service | 10:30 AM