

# WELCOME

## THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 10, 2023

OUR MISSION IS INSPIRING PEOPLE TO **KNOW, GROW, GO** IN GOD'S LOVE.

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OPENING HYMN

*EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL*

UMH 204

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE BRAWLEY FAMILY

\*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 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.*

\*AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION

REV. HUGH DEBO

We believe that God has come to us;  
that God brought us into being,  
that this God gave us breath and purpose,  
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,  
that we have fallen short of this commandment  
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;  
that God is not happy to leave us alone,  
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,  
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,  
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,  
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us;  
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,  
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,  
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,  
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,  
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

\*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, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, thank You for the many prophets who proclaimed the coming of the Savior, and thank You that by grace through faith I have believed their testimony and become part of the one new man in Christ. Help me to be a voice calling out in this wilderness of sin, proclaiming God's message of reconciliation to those that need a Savior. Help me testify of the truth of God's Word - that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners through His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection - and that by faith in His name, lost sinners may be forgiven of their sin and declared righteous - to the glory of God. In Jesus' name I pray. (please continue in silent reflection and personal confession)

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON**

**GIVING**

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

AMY SIMON

ANTHEM

*PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION*

By xxx

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

\*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, FORE RUNNER IN THE WAY,  
THE PROPHET OF SALVATION, THE HARBINGER OF DAY.**

**3. ON PRISONERS OF DARKNESS THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE,  
THE DRAWING 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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*WELCOME TO OUR WORLD  
NATHAN GAY, SOLOIST*

By RICE

\*DOXOLOGY

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

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 40: 1-6A

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*FINDING COMFORT*

DR. WYBRA PRICE

\*CLOSING HYMN

*GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

UMH 251

**1. GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE;  
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.  
WHILE SHEPHERDS KEPT THEIR WATCHING O'ER SILENT FLOCKS BY NIGHT,  
BEHOLD THROUGHOUT THE HEAVENS THERE SHOWN A HOLY LIGHT.**

**2. GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE;  
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.  
THE SHEPHERDS FEARD AND TREMBLED, WHEN LO! ABOVE THE EARTH,  
RANG OUT THE ANGELS CHORUS THAT HAILED THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH.**

**3. GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE;  
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.  
DOWN IN A LOWLY MANGER THE HUMBLE CHRIST WAS BORN,  
AND GOD SENT US SALVATION THAT BLESSED CHRISTMAS MORN.**

BENEDICTION

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **POINSETTIAS** SUN. NOV. 19TH - MON. DEC. 11TH

You can now order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$15 per poinsettia, and all additional proceeds go to missions. A portion of the cost helps support Broadmoor UMC's mission to the Caddo Council on Aging Meals on Wheels ministry. You can place your order by filing out the order form in your order of worship or by emailing the office at office@broadmoorumc.org.

#### **BUMC CHRISTMAS EVE YARD SIGNS**

We invite you to pick up at Broadmoor UMC, a Christmas Eve yard sign with stand and place it in your yard inviting others to join you in worship this Christmas Eve. These signs will be available at the church these next two Sundays – December 10 and 17. Please return your yard sign to the church after Christmas Eve to be used for future years. Thank you for helping to spread the Good News of the birth of our Savior.

#### **FIRST GIFT**

It has been our custom at Broadmoor for a number of years to offer our First Gift of the Christmas season to the Christ Child. As we celebrate his gift of grace to us, we bring to the Lord a portion of what has been given to us. Please write "First Gift" in the memo line on your check or on the envelope before placing it in the offering plate. You may also give a "First Gift" online at [www.broadmoorumc.org](http://www.broadmoorumc.org) or you can mail your check to the church office at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

#### **December Mission Focus: The Gingerbread House**

***This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottle water, and washable markers.*** All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve. The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in closely with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families. Gingerbread House coordinates interviews and investigations with the referring agencies and other professionals from the initial screening to the final disposition of the case. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process to help prevent further victimization. The Gingerbread House also provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.



## Holiday Schedule

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

December 21st at 6PM

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 24th\*, No 8:30 AM service, Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
Combined River and Sanctuary services in the Sanctuary at 11 AM

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

December 24th, River Contemporary Candlelight Service at 3 PM  
Sanctuary Candlelight services at 5 PM\* and 7 PM

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY**

December 31st\*, Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
8:30 AM and 11 AM Sanctuary services & 11 AM River Contemporary service

\*Nursery provided for ages 0-kindergarten