

WELCOME

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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OPENING HYMN

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL

UMH 204

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

JANET FOWLER & SHERRY THOMPSON

*OPENING HYMN

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

UMH 220

1. ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY, WING YOUR FLIGHT O'ER ALL THE EARTH;
YE WHO SANG CREATION'S STORY NOW PROCLAIM MESSIAH'S BIRTH:
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEW BORN KING.

2. SHEPHERDS, IN THE FIELD ABIDING, WATCHING O'ER YOUR FLOCKS BY NIGHT,
GOD WITH US IS NOW RESIDING; YONDER SHINES THE INFANT LIGHT:
CAOME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING.

3. SAGES, LEAVE YOUR CONTEMPLATIONS, BRIGHTER VISIONS BEAM AFAR;
SEEK THE GREAT DESIRE OF NATIONS; YE HAVE SEEN HIS NATAL STAR:
CAOME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING.

4. SAINTS, BEFORE THE ALTAR BENDING, WATCHING LONG IN HOPE AND FEAR;
SUDDENLY THE LORD, DESCENDING, IN HIS TEMPLE SHALL APPEAR:
CAOME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING.

*AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION

REV. LINDY BRODERICK

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

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen. (please continue in silent reflection and personal confession)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JENNIFER POWER

ANTHEM

LONG-EXPECTED DAWN

BY MARROLLI

*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON

GIVING

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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

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

UMH 211

1. O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL, THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR. REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.

2. O COME, THOU WISDOM FROM ON HIGH, AND ORDER ALL THINGS FAR AND NIGH; TO US THE PATH OF KNOWLEDGE SHOW AND CAUSE US IN HER WAYS TO GO. REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.

3. O COME, O COME, GREAT LORD OF MIGHT, WHO TO THY TRIBES ON SINAI'S HEIGHT IN ANCIENT TIMES ONCE GAVE THE LAW IN CLOUD AND MAJESTY AND AWE. REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.

4. O COME, THOU ROOT OF JESSE'S TREE, AN ENSIGN OF THY PEOPLE BE; BEFORE THEE RULERS SILENT FALL; ALL PEOPLES ON THY MERCY CALL. REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.

BLESSING OVER THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

CHRISTMAS DAY

*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

2 SAMUEL 7:1-11

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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DR. WYBRA PRICE

*CLOSING HYMN

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 WHATEVER IT WENT. NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL.

4. THIS STAR DREW NIGHT TO THE NORTH WEST, 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.

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

Who is this Jesus who tries to keep his identity a secret? As Jesus' public ministry begins, he remains a somewhat mysterious figure. Like a good spy, magicians, or stealthy detective, Jesus plays things close to the vest and reveals things only when he is ready. Through six weeks of Gospel readings, we see Jesus begin to reveal himself more and more, while at the same time insisting on keeping his identity secret. As we explore Jesus' mysterious identity, we may discover more about ourselves and a purpose that causes us to live with a sense of urgency.

CHURCH CLOSURE

The church offices will be closed the week of December 25- January 1 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8:00 am. If you would like to drop off a year-end gift during that week, please email Amy Watts at amy@broadmoorumc.org to arrange a day and time. You can also mail your donation to the church at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105. Additionally, we will receive year-end gifts for 2023 through January 5.

BINGO Sunday, January 28th at 5pm

Save the date for Bingo Sunday, January 28th beginning at 5pm in Anderson Gym.

PHILIPPIANS STUDY LED BY BONNIE DANIEL STARTING MONDAY, JAN. 22ND AT 10AM

"Many of us spend our lives chasing happy through relationships, success, and the next adventure. Yet, we only discover a dryness in our souls. We chase temporary happiness instead of the eternal happiness found in Jesus. Join Bonnie Daniel in studying Philippians by Lori Wilhite beginning January 22nd at 10 AM. Cost to attend is \$20. RSVP on your connect card or by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org

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. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.