

First UMC  
A United Methodist Community  
In Moorestown, New Jersey  
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

12.27.2020

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**Joseph's Song**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice / Glory to God

by S. Donat

**WELCOME**

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

**P: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!**

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

**P: The Universe that God created sings its praise!**

L: Praise the Lord!

**P: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**PSALTER READING 861**

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,

**who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,  
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**God raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones,  
for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Adore /Behold Him

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 1:18-23, 2:1-7

**SERMON**

“Christmas Story According to Matthew

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

**CLOSING MUSIC**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / Offering

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Barbara Engelbrecht, Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Barbara Dapper, Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Peg Fagan (mother of Therese Shire, Pre-School Teacher), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber and her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Louise McMeans, Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Elite Law's sister, Esther and husband Charles Tang.

### **SONGS FOR 10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE *(by John Mason Neale)*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give you heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ was born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now we hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forever more  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now we need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls us one and calls us all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save! *(1989 United Methodist Publishing House)*

GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14, Music by Steve Donat)

Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!

And peace-- to all-- on whom his favor rests-- Glory to God.. in the highest (repeat 2 x's)

Glory --- to God --- Sing Glory to God, our God Glory to God, Glory to God . . . (repeat)

ADORE (by Graham Kendrick and Martin Chalk)

You stepped down from heaven. Humbly, You came.

God of all creation here with us.

In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, Light of the world here to save.

*Chorus: Adore, come let us adore, o come, let us adore Him!*

*The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.*

Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low,

angel voices sing of peace on earth.

What have I to offer to heaven's King?

I will bring my life, my love, my all. (*Chorus*)

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King.

Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening.

At your feet we fall. *Repeat (Chorus) (2015 Sixsteps Songs)*

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (by Mendelssohn) (Public Domain)

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;

peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;

with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;

late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,

pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth,

born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

OFFERING (by Paul Baloche)

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lowly shepherds.

Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar hoping to find the Child from Heaven.

Falling on their knees they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

*Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due, O Lord,  
I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You.*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of Heaven.  
It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come. (chorus)  
Tag: O Lord, I bring an offering to You, O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You. (2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (American Folk Song) (The United Methodist Pub. House)  
While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
(Refrain): *Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)