

SERMON NOTES



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."*



December 26, 2021 **FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS** 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE **Go Tell It On The Mountain**

WELCOME

Pastor Gina

***OPENING HYMN #224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Jess

In this Christmas season, let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

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

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

The Universe that God created sings its praise!

Praise the Lord!

Hallelujah! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jess

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME

Pastor Jess

A fun learning time with the Pastor for all kids.

CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY Pastor Gina
We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering basket located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Jess
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

CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148 Rev. Dr. Rich Hendrickson

MESSAGE Celebrate the Promise Rev. Dr. Rich Hendrickson

***CLOSING SONG** He Shall Reign Forevermore Tomlin & Maher

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Gina

***POSTLUDE** He Shall Reign Forevermore
*Please stand as able

+Please note that Coffee Hour will follow our 10am service today.

+This morning we welcome the **Rev. Dr. Rich Hendrickson** who is our guest preacher. Pastor Rich is married to Pastor Gina and currently serves at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Ocean Grove, NJ. Pastor Rich has his MDIV from Bangor Theological Seminary and DMIN from Drew Theological Seminary. We are grateful for Pastor Rich bringing us the Word on this First Sunday of Christmas!

ACOLYTE: EVAN HUELBIG

PLEASE LET US KNOW...If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot Nemeth), John Chwastyk, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher), Carolyn Myers, Mary Raroha, Barbara Morgan, Duell Shaw (son of Pattie Gritzan's cousin).

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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