

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lay Leader
PRELUDE	“Vivace on “Adeste Fideles” arr. Marcel Dupre Cheryl Mahoney, Organist	
*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
Reader One: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child....		
Congregation: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. “His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this” (Isaiah 9:7)		
Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us...		
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	#234 UMH
INTROIT	"The Coming of the Lord" by Pepper Choplin	Sanctuary Choir
PASTORAL PRAYER		Pastor Chelsea Morse
FIRST READING	Isaiah 9: 2-7	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2: 1-20	
MESSAGE	“Expecting”	Pastor Tim Tate
MUSICAL SERMON RESPONSE	"O Holy Night" Ian Lane, tenor soloist	arr. Joseph Martin
INTRO TO OFFERING		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	arr. Dan Forrest Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER FOR OFFERING		
A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION	(see insert or screen)	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE	(see insert or screen)	
HOLY COMMUNION		
COMMUNION HYMNS	"The First Noel"	#245 UMH
	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#230 UMH
	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"	#240 UMH
*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		
*CLOSING HYMN	"SILENT NIGHT "	#239 UMH
Verse1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,sleep in heavenly peace.		
Verse 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"		
Verse 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!		
Verse 4 Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia" to our King: "Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."		
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Andante and Adagio on "Adeste Fideles"	arr. Marcel Dupre Cheryl Mahoney, Organist



WELCOME! We'd love to hear from you! Scan this QR code to submit a prayer request, ask for more info, or let us know you were here! If you prefer paper, you'll find it in the pew back, or please ask an usher.

If you are new and / or joining us tonight for the first time, we'd love to gift you a welcome bag with some goodies including a special FUMC blend of local coffee! Please fill out the form (or a paper one in the pew) and see an usher/greeter!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity in supporting the ministries of our church this year. Your contributions have made a meaningful impact, helping us to serve and bless our community in countless ways. As we approach the year's end, please remember that any additional gifts need to be postmarked by December 31st to qualify for 2024 tax purposes. **Thank you for being a vital part of our mission and ministry!**

Visit our website at <http://www.fumcva.org> to explore all the ways we can share Christ's love and grow in faith together. **Looking ahead to 2025, YOU ARE INVITED to:**

SEEK – Join us at local community events as we raise awareness of our vision to be a welcoming place for all who seek Him!

SERVE – Volunteer with us! Our Food Pantry operates three days a week (Tues., Thurs., Sat.) and is 100% staffed by amazing volunteers like you. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/pantryhelp. Or explore other service opportunities during 2nd SERVE Saturdays, such as hosting a community dinner, delivering furniture, or packing lunches for Micah Ministries.

GROW – Connect with one of our small groups, available for all ages and meeting almost every day of the week. We'd love to help you find—or start—a group that fits your life and schedule. Check out our “SMALL GROUPS” page to learn more.

CONNECT – Build meaningful relationships through monthly church family dinners, enriching music ensembles, and leadership opportunities within our community.



WELCOME TO FREDERICKSBURG UMC

December 24, 2024 6:00 PM

Meet our Lead Pastors

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