

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Lay Leader

PRELUDE “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” arr. A.D. Miller Cheryl Mahoney, Organist

*The Light of the World Has Come(shared responsively)
Light of God, calling all Creation into being, awaken us to new life this holy day.
ALL: By your creating light, renew all Creation with the blessing of Your Hope.
Light of Christ, born among us, illumine our hearts.
ALL: By your life-giving light, create us anew and bring us Your Peace.
Light of the Spirit, rising in our hearts, chase away all darkness.
ALL: By your ever-present light, fill us with Your Joy so we might shine for the world.
Light above all and in all, illuminating all darkness and witnessing Your glory.
ALL: By your ever piercing light, pour into us Your Love, that we might be a witness of love to all!
Wonder of Wonders! The Light of the World has come! Christ is Born!
ALL: The child of God has come to save. Immanuel, God is with us!

*OPENING HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful” vs 1-5 #234 UMH

*OPENING PRAYER Pastor Tim

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 1-6 (Living Bible)

CHRISTMAS CAROL “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #230 UMH

CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation choice)

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20 (NRSVU) Pastor Emilee

CHRISTMAS CAROL “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” #240 UMH

CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation choice)

CHILDREN’S TIME

THIRD SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 #818 UMH, response #2

CHRISTMAS CAROL “Joy to the World” #246 UMH

CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation choice)

FOURTH SCRIPTURE Haggai 2:6-8; Luke 1:67-80

CHRISTMAS CAROL “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
#196 UMH

CHRISTMAS CAROL (congregation choice)

INTRO TO OFFERING

OFFERING & MUSIC “Christmas to Epiphany” Ashley Rizzo, soprano soloist

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

*CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION (Unison) written by Nathan Nettleton, 1999
We believe in God, the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us,
protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God
as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ.
Hunted at birth and humiliated at death,
Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light
and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace
and celebrate living together.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.


*PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY COMMUNION
Congregation response after phrases – “Gloria...in excelsis deo...”

- COMMUNION MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Ashley Rizzo, soprano soloist
- *PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
- *CLOSING CAROL
- NEXT STEPS - End of year giving; 2026 Theme is Hospitality
- *MISSION STATEMENT: *As followers of Christ, we **Seek** others in our community, **Serve** their needs, **Grow** in the love of Christ, and **Connect** with each other.”*
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE Venite Adoremus arr. Wilbur Held



Scan this code (or a paper check-in/ visitor card in the pew backs), to connect with us, write a prayer request, or get more information! We'll be happy to follow up!

“UnDeck the Halls” – Next Sunday, 1/4/2026 (regular worship times!), help us welcome the new year by taking down our seasonal decorations. Lead helpers will be available after the 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services to point you to what needs doing. With many hands, we'll have it wrapped up in no time!

Our preschool wins awards, join us!!
Fall 2026 Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Dates
Jan. 16th for current students registration begins.
Jan. 26th registration opens to church members, siblings of current students, and alumni families
Feb 1: Registration opens to the public
Please email preschool@fumcva.org for more information or to schedule a tour!



Join us in 2026 for an upcoming series called “Making Room”; hospitality in action, where every welcome matters!



WELCOME TO FREDERICKSBURG UMC

Sunday, December 28, 202510:00 AM

Are you new or visiting? We'd love to connect with you!
Please speak with an usher to receive a welcome bag!

Meet our Pastors

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