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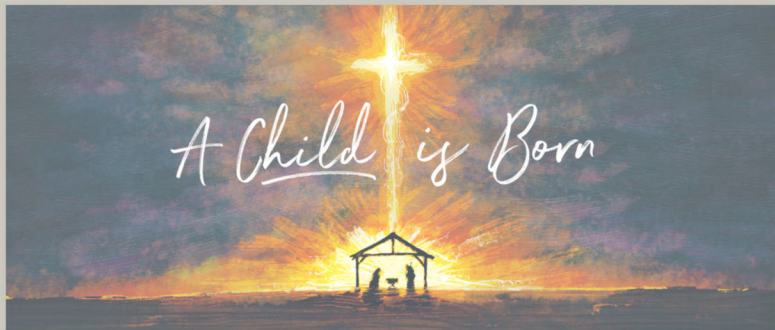
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Ministers: All Members /  
Pastor: Randy Thomas  
Epiphany Sunday– Gold  
January 3, 2021



## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent.....Eduardo Rivera  
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins  
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte  
Children's Service Leader.....  
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas  
Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

January 3, 2021

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joy To World #246

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear # 218

**PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**HYMN**

Go, Tell It On The Mountain #251

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 1:26-33

**MESSAGE**

**THE BABY IN BETHLEHEM IS COMING AGAIN**

By Pastor Randy Thomas

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN THE CHURCH**

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Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.  
Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you  
bulletin, and place it in the offering.

## THE BABY OF BETHLEHEM IS COMING AGAIN

### Luke 1:26-33 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" <sup>29</sup> But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> **He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.** <sup>33</sup> **And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."** "

### I. IS JESUS COMING AGAIN?

#### 2 Peter 3:1-9 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), <sup>2</sup> that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup> by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. <sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

\*Why hasn't Jesus returned?

#### 2 Peter 3:9 (MSG)

<sup>9</sup> God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.

## II. MARY'S BABY IS COMING AGAIN

### Luke 1:30-35 (NLT2)

<sup>30</sup> "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!

<sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

\*Jesus is the Lamb of God

\*Mary’s son will reign upon the throne of David forever

**Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT2)**

<sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!

\*His Kingdom will usher in peace and joy and justice.

### **III. CAN WE REALLY BELIEVE IT?**

\*Professor Peter Stoner took eight Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus and found that the probability it could happen is 1 in 10 followed by seventeen zeroes.

\*Professor Stoner: *“Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world.”*

\***Here’s the point.** If all those were fulfilled to the letter, then we can put it in the bank that all the prophecies of His Second Coming will happen.

\*We need to plan our lives like we will be here for a lifetime, but we need to always be prepared for He could return at any time. Are you prepared?

NOTES:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

\_\_\_ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

\_\_\_ I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_ I will attend this sermon series.

\_\_\_ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**Luke 1:32-33 (NLT2)**

<sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

# Announcements

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:  
EJ Vazquez December 31st  
Melba Ward December 31st  
Dean Ward January 1st  
Jose Villalobos (Angel Tree) January 17th  
Harold Hopkins January 18th
  
- ⇒ The Church office is open Monday and Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3. All calls and emails will be answered throughout the week between 8-5.
  
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
  
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
  
- ⇒ Our Food Bank is in need of donations of dry and canned goods. We still have enough for those in need. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays and Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$0.00

**WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....

Online Views (as of Thursday).....

**FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

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**WITH OUR PRAYERS**

Ruth & Emily Neyland who  
have continuing health  
issues,  
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.  
Kay Magee.  
Denna Sadler.  
Sara Borden.  
Melba Ward.

Sylvia Thomas.  
Eva Gail Abington.  
Shawn Beeles who has  
melanoma behind an eye.  
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.  
Brett Magee recently had  
knee surgery.

