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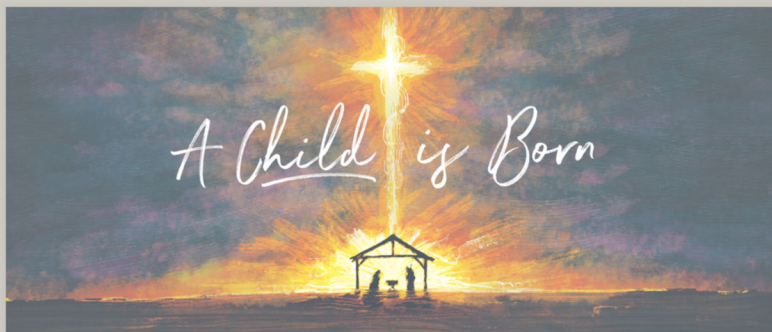
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Ministers: All Members /  
Pastor: Randy Thomas  
4th Sunday of Advent – Purple  
December 20, 2020



## 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

# **BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

December 20, 2020

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing # 240

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**                                      O Little Town of Bethlehem # 230

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

**HYMN**                                      Silent Night # 239

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Matthew 1:18-23

**MESSAGE**                                      IMMANUEL-GOD WITH US

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.

## IMMANUEL—GOD WITH US

### Matthew 1:18-23 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> **So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:** <sup>23</sup> *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, "God with us." .

### Isaiah 7:14 (NLT2)

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

## I. THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS ESSENTIAL TO DEITY

### John 1:14 (NLT2)

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of un-failing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

\*God could only become a human (Incarnation) through the Virgin Birth.

### Micah 5:2 (NKJV)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."

Nicene Creed: I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

## II. THE HISTORICAL RECORD

### Luke 1:26-38 (NLT2)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. <sup>28</sup> Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

<sup>29</sup> Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

<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!" <sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." <sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the

power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.<sup>36</sup> What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's now in her sixth month.<sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God."<sup>38</sup> Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

**Isaiah 7:14 (RSV)**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.

**Isaiah 7:14 (AMP)**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman who is unmarried *and* a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].

### **III. JESUS IS GOD WITH US**

#### **1. Jesus is really God.**

**Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**John 1:1-2 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

#### **2. God was with the whole human race.**

#### **3. God is with you and me.**

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**

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# Announcements

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:  
David Chard December 22nd  
Carlos Vasquez December 23rd  
Victor Gene Robbins December 27th  
Anthony May December 29th  
EJ Vazquez December 31st  
Melba Ward December 31st  
Dean Ward January 1st
  
- ⇒ The Church office will be open Monday this week and closed Thursday for Christmas.
  
- ⇒ Christmas Eve Services will be virtual and will premiere at 6pm on Facebook, YouTube, and [fsfumc.com](http://fsfumc.com)
  
- ⇒ Sunday December 27th we will have a virtual service to premier at 11am
  
- ⇒ Sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: [fsfumc.com](http://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 Monday and Thursday: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,200.00

**WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....22  
Online Views (as of Thursday).....25

**FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

New. Life. Now.

**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.

