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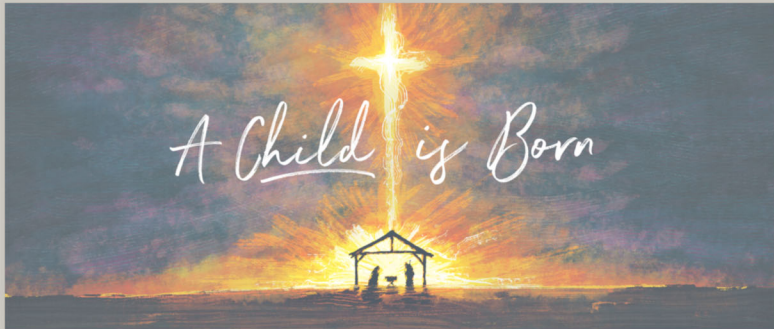
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Ministers: All Members /
Pastor: Randy Thomas
2nd Sunday of Advent – Purple
December 6, 2020



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 6, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come All Ye Faithful #234

PRAYER

HYMN

The First Noel #245

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High #238

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

MESSAGE

THE SHEPHERDS' CHRISTMAS

By Pastor Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN THE CHURCH

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 SHEPHERDS' CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:8-20 (NKJV)

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" ¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

I. THE SHEPHERDS

1. The circumstances of that moment in time.

Luke 2:8 (NLT2)

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

2. Jesus came to the poor, the hurting, the unloved.

3. The Lord Jesus Christ was born into a home of poverty.

Luke 2:24 (NLT2)

²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV)

"Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

II. THE ANGELS

Luke 2:9,13 (NLT2)

⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the

Lord's glory surrounded them...¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God....

1. Angel of the Lord
2. A multitude of angels.
3. The angels prepared for His coming.

Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT2)

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

III. THE MESSAGE

Luke 2:11,14 (NLT2)

¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Max Lucado wrote: God loves you just as you are but too much to leave you that way."

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

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV)

"Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Announcements

⇒ Happy Birthday:

Stephen Thomas December 6th

Glenn Honaker December 9th

Brooklyn Chard December 15th

Omar Colomo (AT) December 17th

David Chard December 22nd

Carlos Vasquez December 23rd

Victor Gene Robbins December 27th

- ⇒ Angel Tree process: 1. Please choose a gift tag 2. Sign and fill out the tracking form 3. Purchase the gift based upon suggested gifts on the tag (valued at \$20-\$25) 4. Wrap the gift and attach the tag securely 5. Return the gift by Wednesday December 16th 6. Pray for the child and incarcerated parent.
- ⇒ Join us Monday for a Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the parlor.
- ⇒ Needed: A temporary volunteer to prepare children's story/lesson (on paper) for use during services.
- ⇒ 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 now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. 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.....\$1,350.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....13
Online Views (as of Wednesday).....33

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.
Sondra Bynum who has a
tumor in her thyroid.
Kendra Armstrong who has
cancer in the uterus.
Brett Magee recently had
knee surgery.

