

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 8, 2024

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

Call to Worship

from Malachi 3

L: God is sending the messenger to prepare the way, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

P: *The messenger of the covenant is coming, but who can stand when he appears?*

L: For he is like a refiner's fire and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

P: *Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.*

All: *We light this candle as a sign of the one who is to come, God's gift of love. O Come, let us worship the Lord!*

Opening Prayer

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #211

"O come, O Come Emmanuel"
*O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,

*and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in its ways to go. (Refrain)*

*O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)*

*O come, thou root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of thy people be!
Before thee rulers silent fall,
All peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)*

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #887

L: *There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.*

All: *This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

*“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’*

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
P: *Thanks be to God!*

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

If you would like to share in the ministry of Friendship United Methodist Church, you may do so by mailing your offering to the church: PO Box 3385 – Sherman, Texas 75091

***The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

UMH # 95

Children’s Time

Rev. Spore

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the “chat” box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Hymn of Celebration

Medley of Christmas Carols

The Choir

Hymn of Preparation

UMH # 207

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God. (x3)*

Message

“Getting Ready”

Rev. Spore

Hymn of Discipleship

“Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming”

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.*

UMH #216

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.*

*O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And share our every load*

Benediction

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Advent devotion guides are now available. You may pick up a printed copy of "Prepare the Way of the Lord" in the sanctuary or download it from the church website

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

10:00 - Friendship Crafters

12:00 – Bible Study

Sunday, December 15

Christmas Party

(after worship)

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore –Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Debra Jackson - Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Paul Linville – Lay Reader

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