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**Come, Let Us Adore Him Worship Series
Advent - Week 5**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

C: God has come to make a home among us!

P: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

C: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

P: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

C: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

P: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

C: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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.*

Opening Hymn – Go, Tell It on the Mountain p. 251 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

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

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 148 (NRSVue)

**** L: Leader C: Congregation**

L: ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

C: ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

L: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

C: ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

L: ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

C: ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

L: ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

C: ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

ALL: Praise the Lord. Amen!

Hymn – Away in a Manger p. 217 UMH

New Testament Reading – Luke 2:15-21 (NRSVue)

Sermon – Home

Closing Hymn – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear p. 218 UMH
vv. 1 & 4

Benediction & Commission

Beloved, may God bless you with transformation, because together we have encountered the incarnate Christ who makes a home among us and sends us home never to be the same again. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning December 30, 2024

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Announcements

- The link to donate to the relief fund efforts provided by and supported by UMCOR and the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC is <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

If you prefer to pay by check, you can make the check payable To **WNCC Treasurer**, note Disaster Response in the memo line and mail to: Western North Carolina Conference

P.O. Box 2757

Huntersville, NC 28070-2757

Attn: Carol Bateman

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Glenna Culler

Joe Dean

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Eddie Haire

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Judy Perdue

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

December Birthdays

John Hogg	3	Nicholas Lineberry	26
Gabriel Pitts	4	Glenna Culler	28
Monica Keaton	15	Will Disher	29
Cameron Hogg	19	Michael Williard	30
Glenna Thompson	22		

January Birthdays

Tommy Kellam	1	Renee Hunter	11
Payton McBride	1	Bonnie Joyner	24
Linda Bumgardner	3	Clint Gould	28
Carolyn McBride	5	Dawn Willard	29
Wanda Needham	5		



Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee,

or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.