Opportunities of the Week
December 22 – December 28, 2019

Sunday	8:30 am	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Sunday School (All Ages)	Various Locations
	10:45 am	Modern Worship (PSM)	Asbury Hall
	10:50 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	5:45 pm	**NO** Youth	
	7:00 pm	Community Candlelight Worship	Downtown Square
Monday			
Tuesday	11:30 am	Lunches for Senior Adults	Room 100
	5:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday		**Christmas Day**	
		Church Offices Closed	
Thursday		Church Offices Closed	
Friday		Church Offices Closed	
Saturday			

Prayer Needs for the Week

Prayer requests will remain on the list for four weeks before rotating off. To make sure your friends and/or loved ones remain on the prayer list, please call or email the church office or complete the "Prayer Request" card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Dec 22 – Amy Nichols, Judy Sampler, Eddie & Cameron Sampler, Ruth Millican, Richie Lee, Lee Roy Cooke Kathleen Jones

Dec 15 – Family of Bob Cartwright, Family of Curtis Perrymore, Family of Alan Jamison, Irene Griffith, Kelsey Gray

Dec 8 – Chuck Porter, Noah Smith, Cathy Sides, Christopher Cabellaro, Madolyn Congdon, John Paul Jones

Dec 1 – Tim Woodruff, Alvin Jenkins, Gerald Nabors, Mike Farris

Family and Friends in the Military

Matthew Roberson, Jake Logue, Kolin Rottner, Keygun Beaver, Joshua VanNoy, Nathan Darington, Bryce Dudley, Chris Hammond

Last Week @ FUMC

Attendance: 263

Offering needed for Budget: $13,154 **Last Week's Offerings:** $12,214

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolytes: Lane Craven

Counters: Gary Cocanougher

Lay Reader: Murvelle Chandler

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

"We are a people of grace, love, and hope who faithfully participate in a way of life that includes learning, growing, giving and serving God."
Learning – Growing – Giving - Serving

Late Service
4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019 **10:50 am**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

*GREETING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

OPENING INTROIT *"Prepare Your Hearts, Get Ready for the King"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.
Thanks be to the God of light.
In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.
Thanks be to the God of peace.
In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.
Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Randy & Vickie Meharg

God of light, you call us out of the shadows of darkness and death into the light which pierces the darkness. In the face of sorrow and despair you offer a peace which calms our greatest fears. Christ brings that peace; let us share the good news with others this Christmas season. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – NO. 218 (UMH) *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – NO. 889 (UMH) Affirmation from 1 Timothy

*GLORIA PATRI – NO. 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.

ACT OF PRAISE *"The Coming of the Lord"* Choplin
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Cassie Wade

After the Children's Sermon, children ages 4 – 2nd grade are invited to join the Kidz Worship leaders for a worship experience especially for our young church. You may pick up your child on the 3rd Floor at the end of Worship.

*Please stand, if comfortable to do so.
UMH – *United Methodist Hymnal* (red, found in pew rack)
TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* hymn supplement (black, found in pew rack)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER – NO. 895 (UMH)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Amen"*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING (LOOSE CHANGE)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY – NO. 95 (UMH)

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.

*HYMN OF THE SPIRIT – NO. 219 (UMH) *"What Child Is This"*

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

SERMON "Not a Silent Night" Rev. Cassie Wade

*CLOSING HYMN – NO. 224 (UMH) *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING BENEDICTION – NO. 226 (UMH) *"My Master, See, the Time Has Come"*

*POSTLUDE

Our Mission Statement

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

If you are interested in joining the FUMC Decatur family,
please contact the office to meet with Pastor Cassie.