

PRAYER REQUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anderson, Bob & Karen
- Arce, Aida & family
- Artmeier, Jill
- Baker, Alice
- Barber, Scott & family
- Browning, Randy
- Burkhart, Sherry
- Caddell, Nancy & family
- Carpenter family
- Cheesman, Bernadette
- Cresswell, Rowland & Karen
- Cummings, Lorraine
- Coyle, Paula & Geoff
- Cure for COVID, world to accept the love & grace of God into their hearts & health of this church body
- Dennis, Anne
- Dustin
- Easley, Ken & Vicki
- Emrick, John
- Family & Friends of Mildred Hedger
- Family of Dr. Chad Millay
- Fields, Perry & Barb
- Fierce family & UMC Congregants
- Frazier, Anastasia
- Garriott, Tami's mother
- Gettinger, Bill & Grace
- Gooch, Linda
- Gruber, Steve & Laurie
- Healthcare Workers
- Hernando, Josh & Ally
- Huesman, Sue & family
- Huneycutt, Heather
- Hutson, Tammy
- Jones, Mary
- Judy (Shirley's sister)
- Kramer, Amanda & Ken
- Logsdon, Rachel
- Martin, Barbara
- Matthews, Anissa
- Middleton, Randy
- Miller, Beth
- Moore, Megan
- Morrissey, Rachel
- Mutters, Shirley
- Neil
- Odum, Hunter
- Our world
- Pam (Shirley's daughter)
- Paris, Allen & Nancy
- Perales, Paula
- Porter, Laura
- *Proctor, Brandon
- Requardt, Howard & family
- Rolf, Marley
- Ross, Branden
- Ross, Sarah
- Sexton, Tom
- Stultz, Joan
- Those who will not be w/ family this holiday
- *Travis, Logan
- True, Barry
- Vecchi, Linda
- Weller, Joshua
- Weller, Mike
- Weller, Wes
- *Williams, Brandon
- Williams, Phyllis
- Yoakum, Judy & Bruce
- Young, Christy
- Young, Patty & Bill

IDA SPENCE CHRISTMAS PROJECT - ENDS DECEMBER 17



In the Welcome Center at both campuses we will collect hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for our friends at Ida Spence. All ages and sizes needed! You may also make a monetary donation via the offering plate, online giving or mail in to the church office. Questions, contact Kelly Potter at kjpotter@immanuelumc.org. Thank you for your support!

City of Hope



CHRISTMAS CANTATA - "CITY OF HOPE"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM - SANCTUARY

Thirty members of our Chancel Choir, accompanied by the Southbank Quartet, will present "City of Hope" by Tom Fettke and Jay Rouse. Narrators assist in sharing the Gospel story. Invite your family and friends to join us at either service! As always, the services will also be streamed live on our website at immanuelumc.org and our YouTube channel Immanuel Northern Kentucky.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS - \$10.00 EACH

ORDER DEADLINE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18



If you would like to order one or more flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, pick up a pink order form from the tables in the Sanctuary hallway or Narthex, fill out the necessary information and attach the proper payment. **Please print** and be specific as to the wording you desire, including your relationship to the person, if desired. Each poinsettia is \$10.00 and the **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS FRI, DEC 18**. Return your payment and order form to the church office via the offering plate. We will print your loved one's name and yours in the bulletins on December 20. You may take your poinsettia home with you after the 9 pm service on Christmas Eve.

FRIENDS FROM BETHLEHEM ... VISIT CANCELLED ... YOU CAN STILL HELP!



Due to the virus, our Friends from Bethlehem has cancelled their visit to Immanuel. **But you can make a difference by purchasing online.** The Christians of the Holy Land are especially affected by the pandemic and its negative implications. Over 100,000 Christians lost their only source of income and are struggling to get daily bread, with no help from any governments where they live. Many Christian families are starving and losing hope.

Here's how you can help! Please visit their website at www.holylandcsc.com and purchase your Christmas gifts **online**. These items will also make nice wedding, baptism and Easter gifts. The beautiful olive-wood carvings are hand-carved by the Christians of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Each piece you buy will help a Christian family afford daily bread, especially during these challenging times. The Holy Land is the birthplace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and should stay Christian forever. Your purchase this Christmas will help them achieve that.

Welcome

Welcome to Immanuel - We're glad you're here! We hope you will be blessed by your visit today.

Please take a moment to fill out a **Connect Card** found at the entrance to our worship spaces (or get from an usher). It's the best way to get information about what's going on here or to share your prayer concerns.

Videos and livestreams of all Lakeside Campus worship services are available on our website: <https://immanuelumc.org/live-stream>

Sermon manuscripts or CDs are available at office@immanuelumc.org or 859-341-5330.

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Sanctuary - please ask an usher.

Immanuel Services & Campuses

2020 FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lakeside Park Campus

2551 Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park, KY 41017
PHONE: (859) 341-5330 FAX: (859) 578-3563
E-MAIL: office@immanuelumc.org

Service		Preacher Today
8:30 am	Sanctuary	Drew Oakley
10:00 am	Wesley Hall (Contemporary)	Drew Oakley
11:00 am	Sanctuary	Drew Oakley

Boone Campus - 1440 Boone Aire Road, Florence, KY

Service		Preacher Today
11:00 am	Sanctuary (Contemporary)	Chad Brandt

Sunday Night Live (Urban Outreach Ministry)

First Christian Church (14 W 5th St, Covington)

2:00 pm	Bible Study
3:30 pm	Sunday Night Live Dinner

Totes of Love Food Pantry (Outreach Ministry)

Immanuel Boone Campus (1440 Boone Aire Rd, Florence)

- Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:45 pm
- Every Second and Fourth Saturdays 9:00 am to Noon

Pastoral and Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor	Dr. Kelly McClendon
Assistant Pastor (Discipleship)	Rev. Drew Oakley
Assistant Pastor (Boone Campus, IBC)	Rev. Chad Brandt
Minister of Music/Exec. Dir., ISM	Matthew Vanover
Youth Minister	Jacob Booher
Director of Children and Women	Kelly Potter
Administrator (Finances & Facilities)	Mitch Nimmo
Associate Children's Minister	Kelly Rodamer (IBC)



Welcome to Worship



"Mary and Joseph"

Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38

GUIDE FOR WORSHIP

December 6, 2020

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SANCTUARY ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 6, 2020 - 8:30 and 11:00 AM

WELCOME

Jacob Booher

CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30 am) *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* arr. Norman Dello Joio

Matthew Vanover, organ

(11:00 am) *“Sing We Now of Christmas”* arr. McChesney

Handbells

ADVENT MOMENT

Nancy Kinman

*OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* UMH 196

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“The Apostles’ Creed”* No. 881

The Congregation

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.

VOLUNTARY *“I heard the Bells on Christmas Day”* arr. Sorenson

Members of Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

The Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, God the Son, Praise God the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO PRAYER *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”* UHM 216

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

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 us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Kelly McClendon

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Congregation

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. *(Matthew 6:9-13)*
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

(8:30 am) *“Rise Up, Shepherd”* arr. Mark Hayes

Kelly Lindsey, voice

(11:00 am) *“Still, Still, Still”* arr. Anna Laura Paige

Handbells

SERMON

“Mary and Joseph” - Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Drew Oakley

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. *(Matthew 1:18-24)*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. *(Luke 1:26-38)*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

All pray in silent confession.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please leave your love offering for the Pastors’ Helping Hand fund in the baskets at the front of the church.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*CLOSING HYMN *“What Child is This”* UHM 219

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*(Refrain) This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *(Refrain)*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *(Refrain)*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UHM 230 (vs. 2)

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

*POSTLUDE *“Carillon”* by Gordon Young

Matthew Vanover, organ