

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."

*To ensure the health and safety of all of the Friendship family, we ask that you **wear masks** for the entire time you are in the church building. Thank you for taking care of one another!*

Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 80

L: Stir up your might, O God, and come to save us!

P: *Restore us, O God;*

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: Let your hand be upon us,
the ones whom you made strong for yourself.

P: *Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.*

L: We light this candle as a sign of Christ our hope, the One who comes to save us.

All: *O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

***Opening Prayer**

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1-4)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
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, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach 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 silent rulers fall;
All people on thy mercies 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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Debra Jackson

*(Those worshipping in person may place their offerings in the plates located at the front and rear of the sanctuary. Those worshipping remotely may send their offerings to:
Friendship United Methodist Church
PO Box 3385
Sherman, Texas, 75091)*

*The Doxology

UMH # 95

*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*

Children's Time

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 it into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy.)

Hymn of Celebration

UMH #216

"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-gone 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 men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.*

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

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.
(Repeat)*

Message

Roy Spore

"Watch!"

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH #213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!*

Benediction

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

November 28

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

December 12

Christmas Party

(Following morning worship)

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 5:30

Advent Devotion Guides are available beginning this Sunday. You may pick yours up in the sanctuary or in the church office. The guide is also available on the church website –

www.friendshipumc.net