

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Prayer for ministries of Pastor Earl Kim, Bishop John Schol, D.S. Manuel Sardinias, and Rev. Franck Aguilh.
- Pray for First UMC of Montclair and its leadership.
- Remember these names in your prayer: Ricardo Coward, Nicole Peaks' mother, godparents James and Rochelle Stewart, her cousin April, Coco Kenny and her mother, Rob Lester's father Robert Lester, Gloria Foster's sister Hannah Wedderburn, Dan McGivern, and Langirene, Kennette, Keira, Christopher, Franckie Aguilh.

Upcoming Small Group Meetings

- N.O.W. Prayer Group: Saturday, December 15, 9am

Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Youth Sunday School: 7th grade and up at 11:30am
- Bible study class for adults at 11:45am

Children's Choir & Classical Ensemble Caroling @ Van Dyk: Today @ 1pm

Christian Education Committee is bringing our children to Van Dyk to share the joy of the season! Come sing with us!

Hanging of the Greens: Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30pm

Please come and join us in beautifying the sanctuary for the season! All are welcome!!

Christmas Tea Party: Saturday, Dec. 15, 3pm

Please come and join us for this fun tea party! There will be tea and refreshments, and Christmas carol singalong. Invite your friends! This is a freewill offering event.

Advent Bible Study

A special Bible study during the season of Advent is ongoing. You can join us either by coming to the church or by virtually getting connected via Zoom.

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Today,
December 9

10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Invitation."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.

11:30am: Youth School
11:45am: Adult Bible Study
1:00pm: Caroling at Van Dyk

Wednesday,
December 12

7:30pm: Advent Bible Study

Friday,
December 14

7:30pm: Hanging of the Greens

Saturday,
December 15

3:00pm: Christmas Tea Party

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Ariana Padilla
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo
- Ushers: Paula Blackman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Counters: Nicole Peaks & Vidal Guzman

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6
- Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:7-18



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December 9, 2018: Second Sunday of Advent

OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS

We belong to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church.

- Rev. John Schol, Bishop
- Rev. Manuel Sardinias, District Superintendent
- Rev. Earl Kim, Pastor
- Ken Rapp, Music Director
- Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader

* - If able, please stand where indicated.
Bolded text - said in unison by all.
LYRICS ON SCREEN

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
FWS - The Faith We Sing Songbook

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

*Prelude *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* – Forrest Hill

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Look to the east.

All: Light is dawning this day.

Leader: Look to the west.

All: Prepare for the journey ahead.

Leader: Look to the north.

All: God is guiding our steps.

Leader: Look to the south.

All: God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.

Leader: Look to the heavens.

All: Christ is coming soon!

*Opening Hymn *People, Look East* UMH 202

Lighting the Advent Candle The Lindo Family

Responsive Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v.2) UMH 211

Opening Prayer

Leader: Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit—to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, refine us with your mercy and love. Purify us with your compassion and grace. Guide us from our aimless wandering, that we might walk in your ways and live in your truth. Refine us, that we may again be people of mercy and love. Purify us, that we may again be people of compassion and grace. In your gracious love, we

pray. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The One who started this work in you will stay with you to complete it.

All: God isn't finished with us yet, but grace is ours today and always, refining us, purifying us, forgiving us, and making us whole.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Christopher Sterling

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room - please follow today's teachers, Dr. Leslie Lester and Ms. Emilie Pozo.

Responsive Hymn *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UMH 453

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 (p.889)

Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:3-11 (p.196)

Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* – J.S.Bach FUMC Ensemble

*Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6 (p.60)

Sermon "Invitation" Rev. Earl Kim

*Passing the Peace of Christ

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *O Sanctissima* – L.Beethoven FUMC Ensemble

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* UMH 386

*Sending Forth Rev. Earl Kim

*Circle of Blessing *Shalom to You* UMH 666

*Postlude *Sing Praise to God* – Edward Broughton

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children's Message: Christopher Sterling
- Children's Church: Dr. Leslie Lester & Emilie Pozo
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Dr. Michael & Arlene Stewart
- FUME Ensemble: Jee Hei Park, Nicole Peaks, Ken Rapp

Our Mission Statement

As members of the First United Methodist Church of Montclair, our mission is to love, encourage, and equip each other to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ; and by inviting, embracing, nurturing, and empowering ALL others, to raise up new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Office Hours Church office is open from Tuesdays to Fridays 9am-2pm. Rev. Kim is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm, and available by phone or by appointment when he is not in the office.

FUMC's Facebook page Find First United Methodist Church of Montclair on Facebook! Please "like" the page so that you can be updated with the church's news and photos.

Flowers for the Special Days Birthdays, anniversaries – mark the special days in your life with a gift of flowers for the Altar.

December Birthdays

1	Langirene Aguilh	16	Amaka Nwafor
8	Donna Foster	19	Chika Nwafor
13	Marco Padilla	20	Jonnathan Paredes
15	Clarence Pratt	28	Wyclif Kezengwa
		29	Dewey Storms