

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Prayer for ministries of Pastor Earl Kim, Bishop John Schol, D.S. Manuel Sardinas, 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, January 5, 9am
- UMW Gathering: Saturday, January 19, 10:30am

### 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

### 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.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Dec. 24 at 7:30pm

All are invited to the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. Come and share the joy of the birth of our Jesus!

**Many thanks to all who came and helped the Hanging of the Greens on Friday!**

## SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today, December 15
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.  
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Indignation."  
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 11:15am: Gingerbread House Crafts for Children and Youth
- 11:45am: Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday, December 19
- 7:30pm: Advent Bible Study

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

### Worship Team

- Liturgist: Paula Blackman
- Reader: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Emilie Pozo
- Ushers: Joe Myers & Vidal Guzman
- Acolyte: Ariana Padilla
- Counters: Bobbette Kelly & Jasper Nwafor

### Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7
- Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

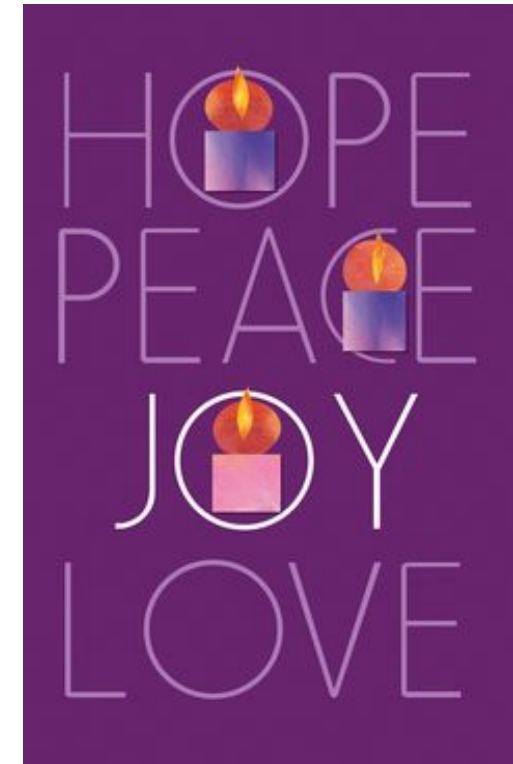


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### December 16, 2018: Third Sunday of Advent

**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 Sardinas, 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.

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

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

\*Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* – Henry Gauntlett

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!

**All: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**All: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

Leader: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**All: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

Lighting the Advent Candle The Padilla Family

Responsive Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v.3) UMH 211

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your bosom of love. We wish to be made into your image. We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to become your Body of Believers. Restore us, O God of the heavens; let your face shine upon us, so that we may worship and know you. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Strong Deliverer, bring us back to you when we wander afar. Gather us together when we scatter from one another. Deliver us from the sins that separate us from one another and from you. Nourish us with the springs of your saving grace and with your compassion, which never fails. Be our strength and shield, that we may proclaim your love, in our words and in our actions, with the courage of steadfast faith. In joy and**

**thanksgiving, we pray. Amen.**

*(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Shout and sing for joy, for God is indeed our salvation!

**All: We give thanks to our God, our salvation and our joy! Amen.**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Christmas Pageant**

FUMC Children, Youth,  
and Voices of Praise

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room  
- please follow today's teachers, Mss. Nicole Peaks and Emilie Pozo.

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson** Isaiah 12:2-6 (p.641)

**Epistle Lesson** Philippians 4:4-7 (p.202)

\***Gospel Lesson** Luke 3:7-18 (p.60)

**Sermon** "Indignation" Rev. Earl Kim

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offertory** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Voices of Praise  
*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

\***Closing Hymn** *Soon and Very Soon* UMH 706

\***Sending Forth** Rev. Earl Kim

\***Circle of Blessing** *Shalom to You* UMH 666

\***Postlude** *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above* - Charles Wesley

**Today's Worship Team**

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Ariana Padilla
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Ushers: Paula Blackman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Pageant: Jordan, Stefon, and Eden Arseneault, Saran Kezengwa, Jackson Kim, Avery Lester, Kira, Catherine, Michael, and Benjamin Lindo, Emilia Lopez, Chichi Nwafor, Ariana Padilla, Dana Padilla, Jayden Paredes, Nicole Peaks, Emilie Pozo, Juan Diego Pozo
- Voices of Praise: Rev. Franck Aguilh, Gloria Foster, Joe Myers, Avrille Nicholls, Jee Hei Park, Arlene Stewart, Hilda Taylor, David Winful, Yutaka Uchida

**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.

**December Birthdays**

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 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      |