

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: Rev. Dr. Michael Williams, 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

- NOW Prayer Meeting: Saturday, December 21, 9:00am
- Irvington Feeding: Saturday, December 21, 10:30am

Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Bible study class for adults at 12:00pm

Caroling at Van Dyk: Today at 1:30pm

Our youth and children will be visiting Van Dyk, a local nursing home, next Sunday to sing carols and share the joy of the season!

Hanging of the Greens: Friday, December 13, 7:00pm

Come and join us in beautifying the sanctuary for the season!

Many thanks to Langirene Aguilh for the altar flowers today. God bless you!

Thank you all for coming to our Christmas Tea yesterday!

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,
December 8
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Dr. Jee Hei Park will deliver the message, "Mary: Mysterious Grace."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 12:00pm: Advent Bible Study
1:30pm: Caroling at Van Dyk
- Friday,
December 13
- 7:00pm: Hanging of the Greens

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Robert Kelly
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Christopher Sterling
- Ushers: Vidal Guzman & Joe Myers
- Acolyte: Jackson Kim
- Counters: Vidal Guzman & Bobbette Kelly

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-15



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December 8, 2019: 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 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 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* – Arr: Michael McCabe

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

All: May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.

Leader: May enemies live in peace.

All: May no one hurt or destroy.

Leader: May all the world rejoice.

All: May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision for our world.

Leader: May timid hearts turn bold.

All: May we believe it can be so.

*Opening Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216

Advent Candle Lighting Screen

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

Opening Prayer

Leader: Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: We thank you, O God, for bearers of hope and peace in all times and all places: for those who govern, when they set things right for the poor, meek and needy; for anointed prophets, who speak and act in your spirit— in wisdom, understanding, and equity. And we thank you

for reminders, gentle or urgent, that we, too, should be agents of harmony, reconciliation, peace, justice, and righteousness. Make us advocates of your vision for the world. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Pastor: Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear.

God is with us.

All: God's love is being poured out for us, always. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message Nicole Peaks

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room - please follow today's teachers, Dr. Leslie Lester & Ms. Gaby Paredes.)

Responsive Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* UMH 377

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10 (p.663)

Anthem *I Wonder as I Wander* Amy Anderson

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:26-38 (p.56)

Sermon "Mary: Mysterious Grace" Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*
FUMC Ensemble

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** *Tell Out, My Soul* UMH 200

***Sending Forth**

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

***Postlude** *Toccata Jubiloso* – Lani Smith

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Dr. Jee Hei Park
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Paula Blackman
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Dr. Leslie Lester & Gaby Paredes
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Dr. Michael & Arlene Stewart
- FUMC Ensemble: Jee Hei Park, Nicole Peaks, Ken Rapp
- Special Music: Amy Anderson
- Advent Candle Lighting: Paula Blackman and Nicole Peaks

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 from Tuesday to 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

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| 1 | Langirene Aguilh | 19 | Chika Nwafor |
| 8 | Donna Foster | 20 | Jonnathan Paredes |
| 13 | Marco Padilla | 28 | Wycliff Kezengwa |
| 15 | Clarence Pratt | 29 | Dewey Storms |
| 16 | Amaka Nwafor | 31 | Celia Arseneault |