

+ + + + + **The 11:00 AM Order of Worship** + + + + +
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD

“All the believers were gathered together in one place” Acts 2:1

Piano Selections

Sylvia Spencer

Prelude **“A Christmas Gloria”** (arr. Jerry Van Der Pol)

Beverly Etheredge, Piano **Bill Wright, Organ**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Allye Snyder, Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Peace

Gene & Marsha Whitney

***Hymn: UMH # 240**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Opening Prayer

Pastor Armando Rodriguez, Jr.

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

“Silent Night”

Sylvia Spencer, Piano

***Doxology**

Children’s Time

Kaitlyn Gattie

OUR PRAISE TO GOD

“They were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25

Cantata

“The Glory of Christmas”

Lloyd Larson

Narrators:

John Hutto & Melanie Chancey

Graphics:

Margie Anderson

Sound & Sight Technicians:

Richard Lake & Shawn Fitzgerald

“The Glory of Christmas”

The Hope of Christmas

Choir

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

The Promise of Christmas

Choir

“Prepare the Way of the Lord!”

The Wonder of Christmas

Choir

“Child of Promise, Child of Love”

The Majesty of Christmas

Soloist: Kaitlyn Gattie

Choir

“Jesus Is Born Tonight!”

The Mystery of Christmas

Sandi, Sarah, Bella Grace & JoLee

Children’s Choir

“Christ Is Born This Holy Night”

The Brilliance of Christmas

Soloists: John & Margie Anderson

Choir

“Guide Us to the Perfect Light”

The Glory of Christmas

Soloists: Gene Whitney & Ken Allen

Choir

“The Glory of Christmas!”

Choir

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

“March To The Manger”

The entire congregation will march to the manger (i.e. come forward) as an act of worship to present our gifts to Christ Jesus, our Savior. As we come we will join in singing

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”. (Lyrics on screen)

Please come to the manger by the center aisle. You may enclose your gift in the special offering envelope, place it in the manger and spend a few moments in worship at the altar if you wish, then please line the perimeter of the sanctuary and

we will sing **“The Lord’s Prayer”**.

***Benediction**

Pastor Rodriguez

***Postlude**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Sylvia Spencer

*** = All who are able are invited to stand**

*Please remember these in your prayers, visits
and other expressions of Christian love.*

Not at home: Mary Grose (Savannah Court, Lake Wales)

At home with medical issues: Ed Etheredge, Judy Gay, Marjorie Gay,
Pastor Jim Hatch, Walt Heidel, Brandon Hess, Marianne McMillin, Sylvia Mears,
Ann O'Berry, Ruth O'Berry, Sara Odom, Bill Poe, Carolyn Presnell, Holly Sutherland,
Lee & Louise Taylor, Ed & Eldora Thorn, Shirley Waller, Roger Waters,
Chuck & Barbara Weaver, Greg & Kathy Wood, Pat Wright

In military: Chris Brooks, Victor Orem

Needing prayers: Pastor & Staff, District Supt. Candace Lewis,
Bishop Ken Carter, Christian, Dawn & Joshua Williams, Pioneer Missions, Indonesia
Cuba Covenant Sister Church: Iglesia Metodista de Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey, Cuba

Opportunities for Ministry

Sunday, December 23

11:00 am Blended Worship Service - Choir Cantata - *March to the Manger*
~12:30 pm Lunch at Asbury UMC

Monday, December 24

4:30 pm Contemporary Family Candlelight Service
7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

1:00 pm Baptism of Ricky Gattie at Eagle Lake

Sunday, December 30

College Student Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service led by College Students

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