

**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 29, 2020 9:30am**

**THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH ARE OPENED.  
PLEASE COME AND LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER.**  
The worship service will be on Zoom and YouTube at the same time.

Click the link below

<https://zoom.us/j/3668856897>

Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708

OR

Click below and join us live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVB37Jz0kuISFONSnA6Za5Q>

You may subscribe to Joseph Ewoodzie YouTube channel

**GREETINGS/WELCOME**

LITURGIST: Shanna Wurth

**CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TIME**

- Welcome first-time worshippers
- Share God's Blessings with each other
- Announcements
- Prayers of the joys and concerns

Welcome all our Zoom & YouTube worshippers. Please send us your contact information to [pastorjoseph@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:pastorjoseph@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org)

**GOD IS GOOD, I AM A WITNESS, YOU ARE A WITNESS, WE ARE WITNESSES**

We want to share God's blessings with you, You are loved

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is sharing God's unconditional love by serving our neighbors, connecting with all God's children in Christian fellowship and providing safe spaces for everyone to grow in faith and love.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.

Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

**Make Your ways known to us, O God.**

**Show us once more Your awesome presence.**

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.

Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

**Heaven and earth will pass away.**

**But the Word of God is true for all times and places.**

**INVOCATION**

Meet us today where we are so we may be equipped for trials yet to come and for joys yet to be revealed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Child of humankind, born of God, reveal to us once more the power and glory which claims us all. Let Your Word make its impact within and among us that we may accept Your mission for us and enlist all our efforts in watchful service. Come to reign among us and rule in every heart. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is faithful and will strengthen us to face all circumstances. Praise God, the source of all things!

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196 (vs. 1)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Hymnal p. 39  
*Kamryn Joy Kalender (daughter of Kris and Katy Kalender)*

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196 (vs. 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "Re-imagine Christmas Symbols: Peace Symbol" Pastor Ewoodzie

## OFFERTORY

## WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Pledges, Tithes, offerings, and donations are being received by mail.  
FUMC, 407 Main Street, Farmingdale NY 11735  
Our electronic giving with Tithe.ly is now active and ready for use.  
Farmingdaleumc.org/donate

DOXOLOGY 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER Let us pray (unison)

**Gracious God, we give our best to You, not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith. You have been our support in times of need. Every breath we take is a gift from You. We dedicate these symbols of thankfulness and all the days of lives to those purposes. Amen.**

HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel: #211 (vs. 1)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

- **BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 10:30am** with Pastor Joseph will take place on Zoom. The theme is "*Faith & the Pandemic: Spiritual Lessons Learned*". Click the Zoom link above to join.
- **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:** support FUMC by purchasing all your gift cards with us! An e-mail will be sent with the directions for ordering. Orders are due by November 29<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Jenn Lee [jbruun@aol.com](mailto:jbruun@aol.com)
- **UMW** is once again collecting items for two organizations we have supported in the past. *The Family & Children's Association* and *The Safe Center*. An e-mail will be sent listing the items. Donations are needed by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Karen Gierie Newman [newman1309@aol.com](mailto:newman1309@aol.com)
- **LADIES' SMALL GROUP** meets Friday evenings 7:30 via Zoom (link above). Questions, contact Betty Gastelua or Shanna Wurth.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Saturdays from 8:00am-9:00am
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 7:00pm Lessons & Carols ♦ 10:30pm Candlelight Service