

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please take a moment to register your attendance
on the attendance registration pad found at the end of each pew.)*

Passing of the Peace

Chorus

Emmanuel

* Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

* Hymn #196, UMH *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Children's Message

* Affirmation

Canticle of Hope

UMH #734

* Gloria Patri #70, UMH

First Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 60:2-3

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

O come, o come, Emmanuel.

* Hymn #2092, TFWS *Like a Child*

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benton Price

* Doxology #95, UMH

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer #895, UMH

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pew Bible NT page 204

Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

* Gospel Reading

Luke 1:1-38

Pew Bible NT page 56

Sermon

God's Acts, Our Hope

Rev. Frank Windom

The Sacrament of Holy Communion #12, UMH

*(Money left on the communion rail this morning
will be used to help the needy in our community.)*

* Hymn #454, UMH *Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs. 1 & 3)*

* Benediction

Postlude

Longing

Mark Hayes

* Please stand as you are able

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Pastor Frank to the glory of God and in celebration of his wife, Nora Colmenares's birthday.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Denise Forrester; Charles Mingle; Grace Hindsman; Loren Reese; Marty Aron; June Mingle, Peggy Clayton; Miriam Hartley; Bob Mason; Teresa Crocker; Beth Allyn Parker; Kristy Lasher (June Mingle's daughter); Mildred Lambert; Ed Picard; Patsy Madariaga; those who have lost loved ones and close friends; members of our Armed Forces; our church, our missionaries, our nation and our world

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, December 9th, the Second Sunday of Advent:
Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

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Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 16th, 11:00 am: It has been said that "Christmas isn't Christmas until the choir sings!" So, make plans now to join us on Sunday, December 16th, for the choir's presentation of *Touched by a Child, Touched by a King* by John Purifoy. Join the Chancel and Handbell Choirs as they bring Christmas joy to worship.

*Touched by a Child, touched by a King, touched by a song that the angels now sing.
What can I give? What shall I bring to offer the Christ Child, my Savior and King?*

Fellowship Meal: This Sunday, December 2nd, following our Hanging of the Greens worship service, we'll have Christmas Dinner at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include honey-baked ham, green peas, green beans, creamed corn, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and iced tea. The cost is \$7/person, to be paid at the door.

The annual meeting of Avondale Pattillo UMC, Inc. will be next Sunday, December 9th, after worship.

The Administrative Council meeting will be next Sunday, December 9th, after worship.

The Chrismon Tree: The word Chrismon is a combination of parts of two words - **CHRIST** and **MONogram**. A Chrismon is just that - a monogram of Christ. All Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection. Gold refers to His majesty and glory. We point to the Christ as the Light of the World by using white lights. Please take time to examine the beautiful Chrismon ornaments decorating the APUMC Chrismon Tree this Advent.

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*It is wonderful to have each
and everyone here today.
If you like what you see, invite
a friend next time!*

This Week @ APUMC

Sunday, December 2nd
The First Sunday in Advent
9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am - Worship Service
Hanging of the Greens
12:15 pm - Christmas Lunch
12:15 pm - Finance Team

Monday, December 3rd
8:45 am - Exercise for Seniors
(Gathering Place - GP)

Tuesday, December 4th
5:45 pm - Advent Worship Meeting

Wednesday, December 5th
8:00 am - Walking Club (Lake Avondale)
6:30 pm - Handbells Rehearsal
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6th
8:45 am - Exercise for Seniors (GP)
4:30 pm - Afternoon Bible Study (GP)

Sunday, December 9th
The Second Sunday in Advent
9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am - Worship Service
12:15 pm - APUMC Inc. Annual Meeting
12:15 pm - Administrative Council

Visitors - Because we would like to greet you this morning and remain in touch with you, we ask that you please complete the Visitor Card found in the pew rack. You may place the completed card in the collection plate or hand it to one of our ushers.

Restrooms are located behind the sanctuary. Exit to the right, continue down the hall and follow the signs.

Nursery: The nursery is located adjacent to the sanctuary in the house known as "The Gathering Place". An usher will be happy to escort you and your child to the nursery.

Devices for the Hearing Impaired and Large-type Editions of the United Methodist Hymnal are available. Please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

Pew Managers for December:
Hospitality Team

Sanctuary Lock-Up Duty for December:
Tom Watson

Videographer: Jason Merchant

Church Office Hours
9 am - 3 pm - Monday - Thursday
Email: info@avondalepattilloumc.org



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December 2, 2018

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, *Bishop*
Quincy Brown, *District Superintendent*
Frank Windom, *Pastor*

The First Sunday of Advent

MaryLynn Darden, *Accompanist / Choir Director*
Kathleen Mason, *Infant & Toddler Ministry*
Alicia Long, *Office Manager*

